

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1023

TITLE: Resolution Condemning Recent Mass Shootings and Acts of Hate Towards Individuals of the Asian Community

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WHEREAS, on January 21st 2023, a gunman opened fire in Monterey Park, California, killing eleven people on the Lunar New Year among a rise in anti-Asian Racism [1] [2]; and,

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, a gunman opened fire in Half Moon Bay on people of Asian descent recently after the Lunar New Year in an instance of anti-Asian violence and anti-Asian hate, in which seven lives were lost [2] [3]; and,

WHEREAS, The victims of both crimes were in large part Asian Americans and were two separate acts of mass gun violence against Asian Americans in 3 days [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Anti-Asian hate crimes have increased by 339 percent nationwide since 2021, and instances of asian hate are being observed in record numbers [4]; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Florida Student Senate has already expressed its sentiments against Asian Hate and in celebration of APIDA culture with the passage of SSB 2022-1010 and SSB 2020-1014 [5] [6]; and,

WHEREAS, The Asian American Student Union and Indian Student Association both provide resources to help combat Asian Hate and Violence [7] [8]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate memorializes the eighteen lives lost and recognizes all of the victims who were impacted by these tragic events toward the Asian Pacific Islander Desi Community,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate condemns the violent acts of terror towards Asian Americans on and off of the University of Florida campus,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the University of Florida Student Senate fully supports and commits to protecting all students who identify with the Asian Pacific Islander Desi Community.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Ben Sasse, Vice President of Student Life Heather White, Chief Diversity Officer Marsha McGriff, Asian-American Student Union President Chloe Choi, and Indian Student Association Presidents

[1] <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-01-22/la-me-monterey-park-mass-shooting>

[2] <https://abcnews.go.com/US/asian-american-community-shaken-monterey-park-mass-shooting/story?id=96609280>

[3] <https://www.wkcf.org/news-and-media/article/2023/01/statement-on-monterey-park-and-half-moon-bay>

[4] <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/anti-asian-hate-crimes-increased-339-percent-nationwide-last-year-repo-rcna14282>

[5] <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Student-Senate-Bill-2020-1014.pdf>

[6] [https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/STUDENT-SENATE-BILL-2022-](https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/STUDENT-SENATE-BILL-2022-1010.pdf)

[1010.pdf](https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/STUDENT-SENATE-BILL-2022-1010.pdf) [7] <https://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/anti-asian-hate>

[8] <https://stopaapihate.org>