

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 557 (MURATSUCHI) HATE CRIMES: HOTLINE

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, California is home to 72 active hate groups; and

WHEREAS, California has seen a recent spike in hate crime activity; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in particular have increased exponentially since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, numbers of hate crimes are anticipated to be much higher due to a large number of hate crimes that go unreported; and

WHEREAS, the California Civil Rights Commission on Hate Crimes recommended that the California Department of Justice facilitate the reporting of hate crimes through establishing and publicizing a hate crime reporting hotline and online form; and

WHEREAS, racism and hate must never be ignored or tolerated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has condemned hate crimes and declared San Mateo County a hate free zone;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill 557 which require the California Attorney General to establish and maintain an accessible toll-free hotline number and online form for reporting hate crimes and hate incidents.

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