



**NEW YORK CITY
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**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ANTI-ASIAN HATE AND TO HONOR AND SUPPORT ASIAN
PACIFIC ESSENTIAL WORKERS IN THE TIME OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

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WHEREAS, While the COVID 19 Pandemic is a grave threat to all people, yet people of Asian Pacific heritage have been mistakenly singled out for racist and xenophobic attacks for supposedly causing and spreading this disease, and

WHEREAS, large numbers of Asian Pacific American workers have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with other medical and health care workers on the front lines of the fight to save lives and provide comfort to the ill, also performing other essential work, such as in the US Postal Service, enabling people to shelter in place safely to stop the spread of the disease, and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific workers, their families and communities suffer high rates of unemployment due to the economic crisis caused by both the pandemic and discriminatory immigration policy and,
WHEREAS, New York City, the home of several Asian Pacific working-class communities, suffers the highest rates of contagion in the country and is staunchly pro-union and,

WHEREAS, the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL/CIO (NYCCLC) plays a role in how the battle against COVID 19 is waged and how workers and Asian Pacific communities will emerge from this fight, and

WHEREAS, the month of May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the contributions Asian Pacific people have made to the United States and in solidarity with other people who have been diminished by mainstream American society including Blacks, Latinx, Indigenous, other People of Color and LGBTQ people, therefore:

BE IT BE RESOLVED, that the NYCCLC will work with the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL/CIO New York Chapter (APALA NY) to celebrate the month of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month by promoting and honoring the work that Asian Pacific frontline and essential workers are doing to save lives and provide services and comfort to all people and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYCCLC and APALA NY will work with our elected officials to condemn and end the racist stereotyping and attacks upon members of the Asian Pacific community and promote the unity of working people and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYCCLC and APALA NY work to rebuild New York City and the country in a just manner, including advocating for the federal government to provide full funding for essential services including, but not limited to, the US Postal Service.

Submitted by APALA NY

