Furry Weekend Atlanta

To our community,

Furry Weekend Atlanta condemns the racist and xenophobic attacks against the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. In the past year, since the beginning of the global pandemic, there has been an alarming increase in harassment and violence directed towards the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Racism and hate have no place in a civilized society, and we stand with those fighting to #StopAsianHate.

We have compiled a list of resources we believe can help those interested in learning how you can be an ally to the AAPI community. We also encourage you to donate if you are able, inspire friends and family to learn more and see what you can do to affect positive change in your communities.

Furry Weekend Atlanta believes in and remains committed to creating and promoting a safe and inclusive environment of non-discrimination.

The way we as a community can heal and move forward is with mutual love and respect.

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Resources:

The Asian American Advocacy Fund advocates for federal, state, and local policies that will improve the lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and all immigrant populations in Georgia. We are fighting for a Georgia with equality, fair treatment, and self-determination for all.

https://www.asianamericanadvocacyfund.org/

Stop AAPI Hate compiles reports of hate crimes against the Asian community throughout the U.S., provides support to victims of these crimes, and produces reports on these incidents that help advocate for social and political protections for the community. <u>https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=14711</u>

Asian Americans Advancing Justice fights for Asian Americans' civil rights and empowers the community through education, litigation, and public policy advocacy. <u>https://secure.donationpay.org/aajc/</u> (national) <u>https://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org/donate</u> (Atlanta)

The Asian Mental Health Collective seeks to break down cultural barriers to destigmatize mental health support within the global Asian community. "It is apparent that there is a generational and cultural rift in many Asian families, with mental health woven through both

overt confrontations and unspoken grievances as a result. AMHC hopes to help bridge those divides."

https://www.asianmhc.org/about-us/#support-us

GoFundMe has compiled a comprehensive list of verified donation pages on its platform to support victims of anti-Asian hate crimes, provide safety resources to the AAPI community, and advance research into the increased violence. The site has also launched the AAPI Community Fund, which will provide grants to AAPI advocacy organizations across the country. https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-aapi-community-fund