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**SR-79** (2023-2024)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

## SENATE RESOLUTION

**NO. 79**

Introduced by Senator Min

March 19, 2024

Relative to AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 79, Min.

WHEREAS, May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and;

WHEREAS, May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a hate crime in 1982, fueling a national Asian American activist movement that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, There has been a staggering rise in bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Every day, kids of all ages suffer from being bullied in schools and online across the country; and

WHEREAS, In the AAPI community, this problem is often compounded by cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that can keep these youth from seeking and receiving help; and

WHEREAS, Certain AAPI groups, including South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Micronesian, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and limited-English-proficient youth, are more likely to be the targets of bullying; and

WHEREAS, March 2020 and March 2023, Stop AAPI Hate received more than 11,000 self-reported incidents of anti-Asian bias, which mainly included harassment and bullying; and

WHEREAS, A 2021 survey by Act to Change found that 80 percent of Asian American teens have experienced bullying in person or online; and

WHEREAS, The Sikh Coalition reports that, as of October 26, 2023, two-thirds of Sikh American boys who wear turbans have experienced bullying, including verbal intimidation, physical assault, social harassment, and cyberbullying; and

WHEREAS, Over one-half of reported hate acts include explicit racial bias, 20 percent involve coded bias, and 29 percent involve perceived bias; and

WHEREAS, A majority of incidents take place in spaces open to the public; public streets (31.2 percent) and businesses (26.9 percent) remain the top sites of anti-AAPI hate; and

WHEREAS, Of all hate incidents, 48.1 percent included at least one hateful statement regarding anti-China or anti-immigrant rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, Act To Change is one of the national nonprofits dedicated to fighting bullying directed at the Asian American and Pacific Islander community; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature joins Act To Change in sharing one vision: a world where all youth, including within the AAPI community, have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in the development of their identities and sharing of their stories; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature will continue to empower students by advocating for systemic change and providing resources to promote healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to this important issue and encourages the public to foster dialogue, share resources, and learn more about what they can do to fight bullying; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That May 18, 2024, is hereby proclaimed AAPI Day Against Bullying and Hate, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Vincent Chin; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.