

# City of Kenmore, Washington

March 2021

In solidarity with our Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander Neighbors

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** As a city, we are outraged by the increase in hate incidents directed at members of our Asian American Pacific Islander communities in this country. Anti-Asian hate crime rose 33% from 2019 to 2020 in Seattle and rose in the aggregate 149% during the same period in 16 of our country's largest cities, including Seattle; and

**WHEREAS,** The tragic murder of eight individuals, six of whom were of Asian descent, in Atlanta has increased the fear and anxiety that many Asian Americans feel. Locally and recently, there was a violent attack against Noriko Nasu, a Japanese American Inglemoor High School teacher, and her partner while in the Seattle Chinatown International District. Now, many in the Asian community are afraid for their personal safety; and

**WHEREAS,** All residents in Kenmore must work together to fight against racism, xenophobia, and bigotry in whatever form they take. We must be silent no more. We must speak up against misinformation, call out scapegoating and condemn violence. Individually, we can do better. Collectively we will do better; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenmore strives to provide a welcoming, inclusive community where all feel safe from bias-motivated crimes,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, hereby proclaim our renewed and ongoing commitment to be an open, inclusive, and welcoming place for all. Kenmore stands strongly against hate, and we stand together in solidarity with our Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander neighbors.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021.



Signed:

*David Baker*  
Mayor David Baker

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Attested:

*Anastasiya Warhol*  
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol