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I-NAPA Statement Addressing Anti-Asian Racism

The Asian community in the United States is in pain.

As an organization that represents persons of Asian heritage and supports their development as leaders in government administration with high ethical standards and social responsibility, the International Network of Asian Public Administrators (I-NAPA) unequivocally denounces all acts of violence and racism, including those against Asians in our communities.

Asians of every ethnic origin have played a critical role in building the economy, government, society, and culture of the United States, and are the fastest growing racial and ethnic group in the U.S. Throughout American history, Asians have faced discrimination and violence due to their race and ethnicity, and anti-Asian acts and violence continue to cause physical and mental trauma. I-NAPA denounces all acts of violence and racism against Asians, and urges all communities to reinforce safety while taking constructive action to end prejudice and scapegoating, and support equity and inclusion.

At the same time, efforts to denounce anti-Asian sentiment and violence must not come at the expense of our fellow BIPOC communities. I-NAPA continues to denounce the perpetuation of racism and discrimination of people of color, including anti-Black sentiments and racism.

We call upon everyone to raise awareness of anti-Asian racism and reaffirm I-NAPA's commitment to addressing systemic racism and **INSPIRING INCLUSION** as all of our ethical and moral obligations.