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RE: NAHN Statement Against Violence Towards the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community

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March 21, 2021: The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) condemns the most recent murders of six Asian American women in Atlanta, Georgia. The recent rise of attacks and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has been reported to Stop AAPI Hate, a California-based reporting center since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Nearly 3,800 incidents have been reported since March 2020.](#)

The increase of racism and xenophobia toward Asian communities, especially women, is unacceptable and as nurses, we recognize the severity of these acts on the Asian American communities’ mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health. Many families across the country have been dealing and overcoming COVID-19 and should not have to deal with the additional burden of discrimination and violence in their life.

We also want to recognize, during this disturbing time, these acts of hate and violence against Asian Americans and other minority groups are rooted in historical trauma and long-standing discrimination. NAHN remains committed to dismantling systemic racism and will continue to advocate for racial equity and justice for all. NAHN stands in solidarity with our fellow nursing organizations who are collectively condemning all hate crimes.

Racism is a public health crisis which has been eroding the psychological safety and health of our family, friends, and communities. We call on ourselves, the nursing community, health care leaders, and policy makers to commit to addressing and eliminating anti-Asian hate, discrimination, and violence of any kind.

Sincerely,

NAHN Board of Directors