



**VIOLENCE FREE
MINNESOTA**

THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE

March 19, 2021

Statement: Standing Against Anti-Asian Hate

On March 16, 2021, eight people were murdered in Georgia during a mass shooting spree across three Asian businesses. Violence Free Minnesota mourns the victims of this hateful violence alongside our Asian family, friends, and community members. We honor the grief and pain of our communities alongside the family and friends of the victims.

Racialized misogyny fueled Tuesday's mass shooting. Of the eight victims, seven were Asian and six were women, killed by a white man acting upon misogyny, white supremacy, and legacies of U.S. imperialism and colonialism. Sexual violence, exotification, fetishization and stereotypes are used to maintain white supremacy and patriarchy that have harmed Asian communities for generations. Anti-Asian violence has taken many forms, including attacks on elders and vulnerable workers, police violence, raids of businesses like massage parlors, deportations, incarceration, and acts of war. These acts of violence are connected to the conditions that allow intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and exploitation to continue in our communities, state, and nation.

Additionally, anti-Asian xenophobia and violence has risen throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, a result of horrifying white supremacist rhetoric by lawmakers and people in power. On Tuesday, Stop AAPI Hate released a report that details nearly 3,800 incidents of hate crimes against Asian Americans since March of 2020. In Minnesota, a disproportionate number of Asian women have reported identity-based incidents of discrimination, harassment, and violence over the past year.

Violence Free Minnesota stands with our Asian community members in Minnesota, Georgia, and across the globe as we commit to dismantling racism and misogyny. We urge you to support culturally responsive organizations working in the Asian community to interrupt violence and support survivors.

Member Programs

Asian Women United of Minnesota (Shelter)

(612)724-0756

www.awum.org

Community University Healthcare Center

(612)301-3433

www.cuhcc.umn.edu/

Hmong American Partnership (HAP)

(651) 495-1515

www.hmong.org



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Karen Organization of Minnesota
(651) 788-7593
www.788-7593

SEWA-AIFW
(952) 912-9100
www.sewa-aifw.org

Transforming Generations
(651)756-1579
www.transforminggenerations.org

WISE
(651) 756-1579
www.womenofwise.org

Other MN Resources

Coalition of Asian American Leaders
www.caalmn.org

ManForward
info@man-forward.org

Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights: Discrimination Hotline
(833) 454-0148
<https://mn.gov/mdhr/intake/consultationinquiryform/>

The SEAD Project
(651) 987-7313
www.theseadproject.org

National Resources

Asian Americans Advancing Justice
(202) 296-2300
www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
www.api-gbv.org
(415) 568-3315

Hmong Family Strengthening Helpline
(877) 740-4292