

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

2 WHEREAS, Lincoln is dedicated to honoring its diversity, including our residents
3 of the Asian-American and Pacific-Islander (AAPI) community, a group that has contributed and
4 continues to contribute to our country’s progress, culture, and success; and

5 WHEREAS, beginning in 2020 there has been a documented regional and nationwide
6 trend of increased discrimination, hate, and violence against Asian-Americans – from young
7 adults to our most vulnerable elderly – exacerbated by false narratives and xenophobia around
8 the coronavirus; and

9 WHEREAS, these reprehensible displays of hate have often gone unnoticed and
10 unreported, perpetuating a “model minority” myth that Asians will be complacent and stay silent,
11 even when targeted and harmed; and

12 WHEREAS, hate, violence, and bias are not accepted in our community, especially when
13 targeting or scapegoating individuals based on their race or identity; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln remains committed to our vision of not just welcoming
15 the world and recognizing our diversity as a key strength for our character, but also to being a
16 community in which everyone has a sense of belonging; and

17 WHEREAS, each of us has a personal responsibility to prevent the spread of
18 misinformation, condemn violent acts in any form, to support all fellow community members,
19 and to reject stigma, hate, and bias in all its forms; and

20 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for all of us to unite and come together to support the
21 AAPI community and report incidents of hate and bias; and

