



## **Resolution from the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission**

The following resolution is being issued by the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission dba Gold Coast Health Plan ("Commission") in recognition of the atrocities befalling our Asian and minority communities in this county as well as in the United States of America.

It is resolved that the Commission vehemently denounces the increased acts of racism and intolerance perpetrated against Asians and people of color in our country. Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and other people of color have increasingly been targets of xenophobic and racist sentiments by leaders, including misinformation in reference to COVID-19 pandemic and its geographic origin:

**Whereas**, our country was founded on immigrants' labor and the promise of being a haven of acceptance for people of all races and cultures. Immigrants have enriched our way of life and strengthened the basic fabric of this great country;

**Whereas**, our Declaration of Independence and Constitution define America as a nation embracing equality, unalienable rights including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness with a government by and for the people;

**Whereas**, Commission condemns the latest events of violence and disorder arising from the Atlanta shooting where eight innocent Americans were gunned down needlessly. We further believe that residents of this Country, no matter their race, creed, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, religion, age or residency status should be free from violence, discrimination, racism and intolerance;

**Whereas**, we condemn leaders and voices in the community who stoke racist and xenophobic ideals that tend to increase fear, hatred and superiority against people of perceived difference. We further resolve that language such as "go back to your country", "invaders", and labeling the pandemic based on cultural origins has no place in our county;

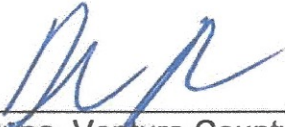
**Whereas**, the Commission values those who are not racist and encourages everyone to promote anti-racist actions and ideals;

**Whereas**, there is no place in Ventura County for the toxic combination of white supremacy, classism, racism, and any violence based upon a person's race, gender, religion or sexual identity;

**Whereas**, the Asian and Pacific Islander communities have long and deep roots in the United States and their experiences remind us of both proud and painful chapters of our shared history. The Commission is proud of the contribution from minority groups across the country and condemns any and all discriminatory actions taken against them;

**Whereas**, American patriotism is defined not by race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or ethnicity but by devotion to the constitutional ideals of equality, liberty, inclusion, dignity and democracy and by service to our communities and our collective struggles for the common good;

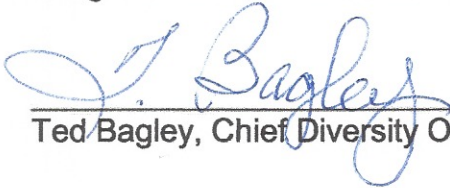
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission reiterates its condemnation of all racist acts committed against Asian and Pacific Island cultures in this Country and specifically in Ventura County, as well as those committed based upon the race, religion, gender and sexual identity of residents in the County of Ventura and our nation.



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