



## New Jersey Breastfeeding Coalition Stands in Solidarity with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, a terrorist, who is now in police custody, carried out reckless violence toward three Asian owned businesses in Fulton and Cherokee Counties in Georgia. Tragically, eight victims loss their lives. Of the eight victims, six women were Asian-American.

Since the beginning of this pandemic, there has been a notable rise in violence toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. “There were 3,800 anti-Asian racist incidents, mostly against women,” as reported by NBC News. The [Georgia Report](#), published by Stop AAPI Hate, noted 32 reported acts of hate toward AAPI communities in 2020, and AAPI women have experienced hate at three times the rate of men in Georgia. (H/T Black Mamas Matter Alliance)

The New Jersey Breastfeeding Coalition stands in solidarity with AAPI families during this difficult time. We call on our government officials to see that the individual(s) responsible are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and see that justice is served for all of those affected.

As our diversity, equity, and inclusion statement indicates, we will continue to call for and examine our own racial biases. We are committed to challenging racism and anti-Asian rhetoric to end violence against communities of color.

For more information on what you can do to help, please visit:

<https://stopaapihate.org>

<http://www.breastfeedla.org/asian-breastfeeding-task-force/>