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3 **The Student Association of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma**

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8 **Stop Asian Hate**

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10 An act relating to standing in solidarity with the Asian American students and community in  
11 light of recent events of hate and discrimination towards Asian Americans.

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13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY**  
14 **OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA:**

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16 SECTION 1: This act shall be known and may be cited as The Stop Asian Hate Act.

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18 SECTION 2: As more instances of Asian American hate have started to occur, specifically on  
19 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, when a man killed eight people including six Asian American women, there is  
20 growing importance to show support for Asian Americans amidst all of the violence. There has  
21 also been an overall 145 percent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes despite there being a 6  
22 percent decrease in overall hate crimes. USAO is home to 4 Asian Americans in comparison to  
23 899 total students enrolled and we need to openly support the community, no matter how small.

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25 SECTION 3: The Student Government Association stands in solidarity with the Asian American  
26 community amidst all of the hate and violence they have endured.

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28 SECTION 4: There has also been an increase of racism and discrimination against the Asian  
29 American community with the rise of the COVID-19 Pandemic. There was a small study done  
30 by California State University, San Bernardino and the results showed that almost all participants  
31 believed that the pandemic was the fault of China and by extension, Chinese American citizens.

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33 SECTION 5: The trend of Asian Americans who attend USAO have steadily increased from  
34 2011 up until 2020 when it dropped by 78.9 percent. With the recent drastic increase of hate  
35 crimes starting in the Spring of 2019, it coincides with the sudden decrease of Asian American  
36 students attending the University.

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38 SECTION 6: Though many individuals may not have experienced any violence firsthand, the  
39 community overall carries the anxiety that they might be attacked next and comfort may be  
40 found if USAO were to show that they do not condone any violence or racism towards anyone.

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42 SECTION 7: Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following: All Current members of the  
43 USAO Government Association (SGA) Senate, all current members of the SGA Executive  
44 Council, all current member of the SGA Supreme Court, and all current advisors of the SGA.

46 SECTION 8: Following passage, ratification shall take place in accordance with Article IX of the  
47 USAO SGA Constitution / Article XVI of the USAO SGA 48Bylaws.

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