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AED Condemns Violence Against the Asian Community

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Around the world it has been a tough year. Our members, along with the individuals, families, and communities they serve, have faced mind-numbing losses – of routines and progress, of financial stability, of family, friends, and of a personal sense of well-being. But AED members have risen to face the challenges and found ways to increase their capacity to serve the skyrocketing number of patients seeking help for mental distress and the onset of or exacerbation of eating disorders.

Since the onset of the pandemic, it has been discouraging to see the rise of hateful stereotyping, bigotry, and blame placed on individuals marginalized for their race/ethnicity, national origin, or body size. The Academy for Eating Disorders unequivocally condemns anti-Asian bigotry and the malicious attacks on people of Asian descent. We are heartbroken by the frightening and tragic loss of eight lives in the U.S. state of Georgia this week, struck down by a gunman targeting Asian American women with his hate and cruelty.

In the face of the horrific violence perpetrated against Asian Americans this week and the anti-Asian racism that has escalated to intolerable frequency this past year, AED stands in solidarity with our members of Asian descent and all Asian communities around the world. Our organization will remain vigilant against racism in all of its forms and will persevere in our commitment to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in all our work.



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