OCA R – 1701: RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SUPPORT OF INITIATIVES THAT ADVANCE AND EMPOWER ALL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER WOMXN

WHEREAS 2017 marks the centennial anniversary of the first female member beginning her term in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates recognizes the need for measures to protect Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) womxn against regressive legislation and policy efforts; and

WHEREAS AAPI womxn are still the targets of racial and gender discrimination – a number which is even higher for transgender womxn; and

WHEREAS All AAPI womxn are still subject to domestic violence at higher rates than the general population\(^1\); and

WHEREAS Womxn of color are still economically burdened by both the racial and gender wage gap\(^2\); and

WHEREAS AAPI womxn routinely still have access to less mental and physical health resources\(^3\); and

WHEREAS AAPI womxn are still underrepresented in entrepreneurial, political, and civic leadership\(^4\); and

WHEREAS OCA National has launched its inaugural AAPI Women LeadHERship Summit in Fall 2016 and will continue this program for all AAPI womxn in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT OCA acknowledges that AAPI womxn are deeply intersectional - comprised of factors including but not limited to different economic classes, immigration status, sexualities, nationalities, and educational attainment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OCA deepen its involvement with womxn’s groups to learn and understand the intersectional issues confronting AAPI womxn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OCA will not take or endorse any action or persons, which would harm, compromise, disrupt, or destroy the livelihood of any womxn on the basis of her gender and gender identity living in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OCA directs its National President to coordinate with OCA National Center staff to devote resources to developing an official Womxn’s Initiative that solely focuses on advocating and empowering all Asian American and Pacific Islander womxn.

\(^1\) [http://www.api-ghv.org/resources/violence-against-api-women.php](http://www.api-ghv.org/resources/violence-against-api-women.php)


\(^3\) [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/26725661_Barrriers_to_Health_Care_Access_in_13_Asian_American_Communities](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/26725661_Barrriers_to_Health_Care_Access_in_13_Asian_American_Communities)