



After the mass shooting in the Atlanta area on March 16, 2021, the AMS released a statement condemning ongoing racism and violence against people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. What follows is the full AMS message, as adopted by the Council on April 4 and affirmed at its April 24 meeting.

### **Message in support of members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community**

The American Mathematical Society (AMS) condemns the recent violent attacks in Atlanta and elsewhere on members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. While there is a long history of discrimination and racism toward the people of AAPI descent, it is extremely disturbing to see this resurgence of racially-motivated hostility and violence.

The AMS is strongly committed to supporting mathematicians of every color, background, and ethnicity. Recently, the AMS launched a study of racial discrimination in the Society and created a top-level policy committee on issues of diversity and inclusion. Moreover, the AMS continues to work with other STEM-focused organizations to build programs that address these issues.

The incident in Atlanta reminds us that many different communities in this country, as well as foreign residents and visitors, are subject to aggression and discrimination based on their race, gender identity, or religion. We must all work together to ensure such hostilities have no place within the AMS.

According to the Bylaws of the American Mathematical Society, the Council of the AMS has power to speak in the name of the Society, and it does so when a statement is approved by two-thirds of the entire membership of the Council. If the president and the secretary agree that a statement in the name of the Society is urgently needed, this can be accomplished between regular Council meetings, subject to affirmation at the next regular Council meeting.