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Bill 34

(Chapter 38 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2021)

An Act to proclaim May as Anti-Asian Racism Education Month

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Preamble

People of Asian heritage have experienced a heightened rate of race-related incidents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Asian Canadians are visible minorities and have long been viewed as foreigners and outsiders and are easy targets for people to direct their frustration and anger.

Education can play an important role in addressing and eliminating racism and discrimination. With education, we have the opportunity to change the way the public views and treats Asian Canadians. They should be viewed and treated as vital contributors to our Canadian multicultural society. Their contributions to this country are historical, dating back to the late-1700s and the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, along with many other notable achievements that benefit Canada's culture, economy and innovation.

By proclaiming May as Anti-Asian Racism Education Month, the Province of Ontario honours the proud contributions, storied history and sacrifices made by Canadians of Asian heritage in building this country. It will also help to combat and eliminate anti-Asian racism in our schools, our communities and our province.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Anti-Asian Racism Education Month

1 The month of May in each year is proclaimed as Anti-Asian Racism Education Month.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Anti-Asian Racism Education Month Act, 2021*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This Explanatory Note was written as a reader's aid to Bill 34 and does not form part of the law.
Bill 34 has been enacted as Chapter 38 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2021.*

The Bill proclaims May in each year as Anti-Asian Racism Education Month.