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Marathon County is a diverse community made up of Nationalities from around the world. We are fortunate to have the variety of cultures as each brings something new and unique to our area. One of our largest communities is the Hmong community. This area has watched as that community has grown and become ever more present in Marathon County government, business and community life. I have had the honor of being present at celebrations hosted by the Hmong community and of participating in ceremonies or other cultural activities. I consider myself a friend and ally.

It disturbs me when I see actions occurring across this Nation and now even in our community where members of the Southeast Asian population have been verbally and physically attacked along with having their property vandalized or stolen. They are being victimized because misguided individuals have decided to attack them due to the COVID-19 pandemic that is impacting this Nation. Yes, COVID-19 has been identified as coming from a province in China. Also, I





Why would someone come to the conclusion they are so afraid of a virus that they should attack a culture who reside in America and have nothing to do with the pandemic other than the fact they are Southeast Asian? For those persons who feel the need to lash out at these community members, think before you act. The people you are targeting have nothing to do with this crisis and are suffering through the various restrictions as much as you are. In fact, they are suffering even more as they live in the added fear they will be attacked for no other reason than their culture.

For those persons who have elected to behave in this fashion, rest assured that Marathon County law enforcement is diligently working on these investigations and will seek prosecution for the criminal acts. For those persons who have been victimized, I want to apologize to you, because this is not how a majority of Marathon County residents act.

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Ron Parks
Good job SON YOU SAID IT WELL

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Kelly Rice-Butzlaff
I'm at a loss for words, I can't believe that Americans act this way! Unacceptable! The Hmong/Laotian are so kind and I'm glad there part of our community! So sorry that there are bad apples. Please know we cherish you as part of our area families!

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PetR Yay
Yall stupid

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PetR Yay
His words do not ensure your safety! Stand your ground and fight back thats the only thing they understand. I dont trust none of em! Jux look at dale Schroeder's comment. Dont be fooled by nice but meaningless words.

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Nyaj Kee Hawj
Thank you officer Park





Mao A Lee

Thank you, Sheriff Park! I needed to hear this. I have been practicing social distancing, but the real truth is that I am more afraid of being harassed than catching the virus. There are so many things I can do to prevent catching the virus. There... **See More**

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Neej C Thoj

Thank you for the strong message and such acts should be condemned.

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James Ryan

People suck! This whole pandemic has people thinking out of their rears, which really scares me how easily people are misguided by media in all sorts of forms, STOP LETTING THE PROPAGANDA GET TO YOU, THINK OUT SIDE THE BOX PEOPLE, as far as the Hmong c... **See More**

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Chris Hanson

I grew up in, then fled, central wisconsin 25 years ago. Let me assure you, this is exactly how the majority or your residents act. Always have.

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Dale Schroeder

Their has been a lot of fake so called hate crimes lately how do we know if this is not just for attention. With out facts and proof it's hard to believe

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Tou Moua

Love the lack of logic of some of these folks. Physically beating someone and get the other person's bodily fluids on themselves, and possibly contracting the virus. 🤔

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Qubhneevtao Thao

Thank you for your kind, we hmong community have the wonderful clearing sky today and so on the sun is shining open our hmong community's eyes your kind word is wonderful to prevent our community safe respects each other





Praserd Tru Yang

Thank you

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Nasus V. Xiong

Thank you... God bless....

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Sandy Mallum

Love them to the moon and back

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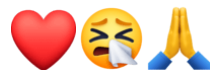
Sandy Mallum

I have 2 grandson who are Hmong and 5 grandchildren who are Hmong and I couldn't be any prouder. They are my sweet hearts

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Jasmine Yang



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Arthur Greco

This needs to stop! We as a community are going to be the lead on this in each community!

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Chettie Moua

Thank you, Sheriff may you and your family stay safe and healthy through this ordeal.

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Nyab Nruas Ntxim Hlub

Your well thought out words and quick action to support your community is appreciated. I wish our President had your wisdom and courage. Thank you for being a leader in a time of fear and chaos.

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Maiv Cua Thoj



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WamWoos Xiong

My question is, the authority and everyone sees the faces of these people, will they be arrested for what they did? If the victim is white I'm sure those guys will be arreste.

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Gaoly Xiong
Thank you!!

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Helen Woodward
Thank you for your wise words. We need to respect our diversity

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Chao Lee
Lately I have seen nothing but negativity on my newsfeed. Thank you for the genuine posture and the kind words. The world needs more individuals like yourself. Hoping everyone stays safe and recovers through this pandemic. Do know that there are people... **See More**

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Chai Lor
please send ur concerns and caring to all the other departments around our state. Thank you.

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Thai Vue
It is important to recognize and appreciate our local, county, and state leaders for their love, compassions, and support of our diverse populations. As a Hmong person, my family and I have blessed with their support for the last 41 years and seen the ... **See More**

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Xyooj Eoj
Thank you for ensuring our safety. Its been very comfortable for the past couples weeks and hopefully this issue would end soon!!!

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Amy Schunk
I hope the people committing the crimes would be charged with hate crimes if their actions are culturally motivated.

Like · Reply · 1y



Sonny Vang
Thank you

Like · Reply · 1y



Maivpaj Lis
Thank you for looking out for all the people of your county! You are a man worthy of your position. Mav you





Rob Hilber
Agreed, help spread the word! God bless u Sheriff Parks.

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May Yer Theresa Thao
Thank you!

Like · Reply · 1y



Song T. Xiong
Thanks my honorable Parks. To protect our citizens is to protect our country no matter who we are and where we from. If anyone breaks the law, put him/her to jail. Thanks for your hard work to the community.

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KaBao-Pia Vang



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Tou Bee Yang
I'll put a pillow down and gently lay them to sleep one by one on the hard cold concrete floor like the guy in the red circle. People are more peaceful when they're sleeping.



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Alistar Yang
Youre invited to the cookout 🍷....but not yet 🤔<--
-6ft---> 🤔. 🍷

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Chiale Xiong
There are always bad people out there waiting for a moment of crisis like this to conduct evil acts against innocent people. Thank God for blessing majority people to have the hearts of love that are coming to our defense. Those few individuals acting ... **See More**

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Helen Courtois-Polacek
Thank You for all that you do. I always try to respect everyone in blue





Princess Aion
Thank you Sheriff Scott Parks.

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Nan Cy
Thank you, Sherrif Parks!

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Ya Myyoufu Yang
Thank you Scott.

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May Ko Yang
Thank you for sticking up for the Hmong people.

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Connie Muckelberg
These people are people, like you and me. I love to go to Wausau for my doctor appointments when there are farmers markets. The floral arrangements are amazing as well as the fresh vegetables. How can anyone bash hard working people? I'll just have to ... **See More**

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Sheng Mailor Lee
Thank you, Sheriff Parks!

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Debra Birdsey
We are a community of diversity, we must respect each other, be kind, take care of our neighbors and learn to understand and embrace our cultural uniqueness.

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May Haam
Thank you for your leadership. This gesture is much appreciated.

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Thao Shawn
Thank you, sir! Great to know our community leaders got our back.

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Noah Herr
Thank you for your assurance as well as the law enforcement.

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Mai Nenga Lo





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