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**WHEREAS**, this incident caused black communities around the world to pause, take a deep breath and ask the question, simply crying out, “How long?”; and

**WHEREAS**, there are forty-seven million Black Americans, accounting for 14.2% of the United States population; and

**WHEREAS**, that the 2020 Census found Black Americans make up 3.5% of the population in the City of Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes the contributions of our Black community as elected officials, educators, business owners, workers, families, friends, and neighbors.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council condemns racism, violent attacks and anti-black sentiments, harmful rhetoric, bullying and underlying intimidation tactics; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council joins Buffalo, New York, cities, counties, and states across the United States in its strong commitment to the safety and well-being of all citizens, and all visitors, specifically to decrease violence against Black Americans.

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PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR