

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL DENOUNCING RACISM, VIOLENCE, AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST BLACKS/AFRICAN AMERICANS

The City of Albany sends its heartfelt condolences to the Buffalo, New York, community in wake of the horrendous tragedy that took place on May 14, 2022.

WHEREAS, the City of Albany recognizes the founding principle of providing security and protection for all was compromised during a violent atrocious act at a "Tops" grocery store located on Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo, NY; and

WHEREAS, an 18-year-old male, traveled to the state's second largest city, predominantly Black neighborhood, to carry out this heinous act targeting Black individuals; and

WHEREAS, his planned attack took the lives of 10 innocent people; referenced by name Roberta A. Drury, 32 yrs. old; Geraldine Talley, 62 yrs. old; Celestine Cheney, 65 yrs. old; Katherine Massey, 72 yrs. old; Pearl young, 77 yrs. old; Ruth Whitfield, 85 yrs. old; Margus D Morrison, 52 yrs. old; Andre MacNeil, 53 yrs. old and a retired Buffalo police officer; Aaron Salter, 53 yrs. old; and Heyward Patterson, 67 yrs. old; and

WHEREAS, his planned attack also wounded Jennifer Warrington, 50 yrs. old; Zaire Goodman, 20 yrs. old; and Christopher Braden, 55 yrs. old; and

WHEREAS, many Black Americans fought in wars and stood against adversity to protect their rights and freedom in our nation; and

WHEREAS, many Black Americans lives were simply taken away because of the color of their skin; and