

May 16, 2022

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Offered by: MAYOR HARRIGAN and VICE PRESIDENT FUSCO

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2022 condemning the May 14, 2022 white supremacist terrorist attack at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York; expressing condolences and deepest sympathies to those lost, injured, or otherwise impacted; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2022, a mass shooting in Buffalo, New York killed 10 persons and injured three others; and

WHEREAS, the alleged-perpetrator of the act is believed to have published a lengthy manifesto stating numerous white supremacist ideologies; and

WHEREAS, the alleged-perpetrator is believed to have specifically targeted African-Americans, and 11 of the 13 persons killed or injured in the rampage were Black; and

WHEREAS, the City of Akron condemns in no uncertain terms both the attack and the racist ideology behind the attack; and

WHEREAS, the City also condemns all those that are bringing racist ideologies into the mainstream, which facilitates the radicalization of persons like the alleged-gunman in this case, and encourages everyone in the City to stop supporting anyone or any organization who tries to normalize racist theories; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that immediate steps need to be taken at the local, state, and national level to prevent and reverse radicalization, especially among young white men in this Country; and

WHEREAS, the City extends its thoughts to those impacted by the attack.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That the City of Akron condemns the May 14, 2022 white supremacist terrorist attack at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, and expresses condolences and deepest sympathies to those lost, injured, or otherwise impacted.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Akron's delegation in the State General Assembly, and Ohio's federal Congressional delegation, as a means of showing the City's support for increased restrictions on the purchase of firearms, and for increased attention to methods of preventing radicalization.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the reason that it is immediately necessary for the City of Akron to condemn the May 14, 2022 attack, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members

elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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