



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A Resolution remembering the victims of this weekend's terrorist attack at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York and condemning the actions of the shooter along with the circumstances that caused it.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2022, 10 people were shot and killed by a terrorist at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, the white supremacist who committed these killings specifically targeted the Black community in an attack motivated by racism and hate; and

WHEREAS, the victims of this tragedy were going about their daily lives in a place where they should feel safe in their community; and

WHEREAS, based on reports, the shooter is alleged to have created a manifesto that outlined racist and extremist ideology and plans to carry out this heinous act; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council condemns these racist ideologies that have become more prominent in right-wing media outlets that foment fear, distrust, and hatred toward people who possess any non-majority trait; and

WHEREAS, the terrorist used an assault weapon to kill and injure 13 people at the grocery store. This weapon serves no legitimate purpose, and a majority of Americans believe it should be banned; and

WHEREAS, the failure of many in media and government to examine the cause of race-based terrorism against minority communities, and to question the unfettered availability of military-scale weapons is causing death, widespread suffering, and a precipitous decline in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council stands united against the growing problem of racism and terrorism - violent and otherwise - by white supremacists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as remembering the lives of Roberta A. Drury, 32; Margus D. Morrison, 52; Andre Mackneil, 53; Aaron Salter, 55; Geraldine Talley, 62; Celestine Chaney, 65; Heyward Patterson, 67; Katherine Massey, 72; Pearl Young, 77, and Ruth Whitfield, 86, of Buffalo. These 10 individuals were killed in a senseless terrorist attack on a grocery store in Buffalo, New York.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council further goes on record as the condemning the actions of the shooter who carried out a terrorist attack on the grocery store in Buffalo, New York.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Council further goes on record as denouncing white supremacy and the hateful, sometimes violent rhetoric that is being spread, particularly in right-wing media and through social media platforms.

Section 4. The Metropolitan Council further goes on record as calling for greater gun safety measures in

Tennessee and nationwide.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.