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**TO: Mayor Jordan**  
**City Council**

**CC: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff**

**FROM: Kit Williams, City Attorney**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Williams", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**DATE: May 17, 2022**

**RE: Resolution Expressing City Council Sympathy for Buffalo, New York**

Council Member D'Andre Jones requested that I draft a Resolution concerning the tragic hate crime in Buffalo, New York where a racist murderer killed ten innocent citizens. Attached is D'Andre's email and the Resolution I drafted and placed into Legistar.

D'Andre will request the rules be suspended so this can be walked on to tonight's meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE CITY COUNCIL'S SYMPATHY FOR THE INNOCENT GROCERY STORE SHOPPERS IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK WHO WERE VICTIMS OF A HORRIFIC RACIST MURDERER**

**WHEREAS**, the following innocent grocery store shoppers became victims of racial hatred and bigotry in Buffalo, New York committed by a racist murderer:

Aaron Salter  
Pearl Young  
Ruth Whitfield  
Andre Mackneil  
Heyward Patterson  
Roberta Drury  
Geraldine Talley  
Katherine Massey  
Celestine Chaney  
Margus Morrison; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to express its grief and remorse for these victims and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council stands united with Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown as he works to heal his city and with the National League of Cities as it seeks to heal our nation which has continued to suffer a plague of mass murders of people because of their race, sexual orientation, gender identity or religion.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas on behalf of all our citizens hereby expresses their grief and remorse for the victims of a racist murderer in Buffalo, New York, as well as their sympathy for the victims' families and friends.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby expresses their solidarity and support for Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown as he seeks to heal his great city and pledges the City Council's support along with the National League of Cities to work to end the nationwide plague of murders against persons based upon their race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

## Williams, Kit

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**From:** D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:10 PM  
**To:** Williams, Kit  
**Cc:** Paxton, Kara  
**Subject:** Walk on resolution remembering Buffalo

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the City of Fayetteville. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

**The city of Fayetteville joins the National League of Cities and takes the moment to reflect on those whose lives were lost in Buffalo this weekend. Our hurt heart goes out to the victim's families, and we send our thoughts and prayers go to Mayor Byron Brown as he works to heal his city. This weekend's horrific violence was the latest in a series of mass shootings that have deliberately targeted people based on their race, sexuality, and religion. Tonight, let's remember each of these individuals:**

**Pearl Young, 77,**

**Ruth Whitfield, 86**

**Andre Mackneil, 53**

**Heyward Patterson, 67**

**Roberta Drury, 32**

**Geraldine Talley, 62**

**Katherine Massey, 72,**

**Celestine Chaney, 65**

**Margus Morrison, 52,**

Best Regards,

D'Andre L. Jones - MSW, MA  
Fayetteville City Council  
Ward 1 Position 2

***"Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.***

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

**FOR:** Council Meeting of May 17, 2022

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**FROM:** Council Member D'Andre Jones

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**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:**

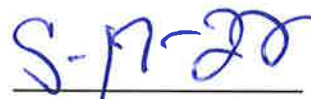
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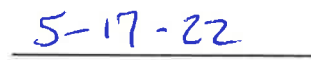
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**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

  
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Council Member D'Andre Jones

  
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Date

  
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City Attorney Kit Williams  
Approved as to form

  
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Date