

# RESOLUTION

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**Item # RE: Resolution regarding Buffalo and Uvalde Massacres**

**To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain:**  
the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

Whereas, on May 14, 2022, an 18 year-old from another city, wearing tactical gear and carrying a gun apparently engraved with a racial slur, went to a Buffalo, New York grocery store in a predominant African American neighborhood to commit murder in a racist, terrorist attack; and

Whereas, the result was that 10 people were dead; 13 were shot, and

Whereas, Authorities said he is a white supremacist, that the majority of the people that he shot were African Americans and that he targeted them; and

Whereas, on May 24, 2022, another 18-year-old perpetrator also wearing tactical gear and carrying a gun fatally shot 19 fourth graders and their two teachers and wounded seventeen others at Robb Elementary school in Uvalde, Texas; and

Whereas, only 10 years earlier, in our own state, on December 14, 2012 a 20-year-old shot and killed 20 six and seven year old children and six staff members in Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

Whereas, some shootings are inspired by ideas that promote bigotry against Black and Brown, LGBTQ, immigrants, and other communities; and

Whereas, the intensity of gun violence in the United States continues to show that our State and Federal laws and policies are failing to prevent the sale and distribution of weapons in our communities putting all Americans and children at risk, and

Whereas, the Common Council of New Britain voted unanimously on June 24, 2020 to declare that "Racism is a public health crisis affecting our city and all of Connecticut," and

Now Be it resolved that the mayor of New Britain and the Common Council stand in solidarity with Buffalo and Uvalde and is joining with so many others in offering deep condolences to the families of the people who were murdered in these acts of terrorism; and

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the Common Council of New Britain condemns all words, actions and politics that fester racism, anti-LGBTQ prejudice, religious intolerance, anti-immigrant and other forms of bigotry, and

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the Common Council of New Britain call to end political gridlock over gun control and establish common sense gun control laws that require licensing and training, red flag laws, banning of assault weapons, and limiting access of weapons to youth; and

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the Common Council of New Britain call for growth of the already established comprehensive curriculum and policies in the New Britain schools such as Love Wins and NB Recovers that reduce racism and other forms of bigotry; promote understanding, tolerance, and acceptance of all people; and provide funding and tools to promote student engagement and treatment of trauma and mental health issues.

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