

RESOLUTION

“Condemnation of the rise of white supremacist terrorism in the United States and honoring the victims of the June 2025 attacks in Minnesota and Idaho”

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago stands united in its commitment to justice, equity, and the protection of all communities from hate-fueled violence; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2025, a coordinated act of domestic terrorism was carried out in Minnesota by Vance Luther Boelter, a white supremacist terrorist who impersonated law enforcement and targeted elected officials for assassination; and

WHEREAS, this attack resulted in the tragic deaths of former Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman (DFL) and her husband Mark Hortman, and the critical wounding of State Senator John Hoffman (DFL) and his wife Yvette Hoffman; and

WHEREAS, Boelter maintained a hit list of over 45 public officials, primarily Democrats and abortion rights advocates, including:

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| - Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) | - Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI) |
| - Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) | - Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI) |
| - Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) | - Rep. Greg Landsman (D-OH) |
| - Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN) | - Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH) |
| - Rep. Kelly Morrison (D-MN) | - Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI) |
| - Rep. Esther Agbaje (D-MN) | - Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) |
| - Sen. Ann Rest (D-MN) | - Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI) |
| - Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI) | - Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX) |
| | - Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-TX) |

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2025, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, two firefighters—one Coeur d’Alene Fire Department Battalion Chief John Morrison Jr., 52, IAFF Local 710 member and one Kootenai County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Frank Harwood, 42, IAFF Local 2856 member—were ambushed and killed, and a third critically injured, by white supremacist terrorist Wess Roley, who intentionally set a wildfire to lure first responders into a sniper attack; and

WHEREAS, this heinous act occurred on the 24th anniversary of the June 29, 2001 demolition of the Aryan Nations compound in Hayden Lake, Idaho—a site once used by white supremacists for recruitment and indoctrination, later burned by the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department as part of a training exercise; and

WHEREAS, these attacks are not isolated incidents but part of a rising tide of white supremacist terrorism that threatens the safety of public servants, first responders, and marginalized communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has zero tolerance for white supremacy and the terrorism associated with it in our city government including in the Chicago Police Department, and call on the removal of any individuals who make the choice to associate with this violence and hatred to be relieved of any employment with the City of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Chicago:

1. Unequivocally condemns the acts of domestic terrorism committed in Minnesota and Idaho in June 2025 and mourns the lives lost and the communities traumatized;
2. Honors the memory of Melissa and Mark Hortman, and firefighters Frank Harwood and John Morrison Jr. who gave their lives in service to their communities;
3. Commends the bravery of Senator John Hoffman, Yvette Hoffman, and the surviving firefighter, Coeur d'Alene Fire Engineer and IAFF Local 710 member Dave Tysdal, who continue to recover from their injuries;
4. Recognizes the historical significance of the Idaho attack's timing and location, underscoring the persistent threat posed by white supremacist ideologies;
5. Calls upon federal, state, and local governments to treat white supremacist terrorism with the same urgency and resources as other forms of violent extremism;
6. Urges federal public safety agencies to prioritize monitoring, prevention, and prosecution of hate-based domestic terrorism;
7. Encourages community-based education, resilience, and reporting programs to counter radicalization and protect vulnerable populations;
8. Affirms the City of Chicago's commitment to being a sanctuary for all people, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or other protected class, and to standing in solidarity with those targeted by hate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the families of the victims, the Minnesota and Idaho state legislatures, and the United States Congress as a statement of solidarity and a call to action.

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