



Promoting the mental health  
of the black community

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## **THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSIONALS' STATEMENT ON BUFFALO, NY**

The Arkansas Association of Black Psychology Professionals pauses to honor and pay tribute to the 10 Black citizens massacred at Tops Grocery Store in Buffalo, NY on Saturday, May 14, 2022. These individuals contributed to the good of humanity, and to the well-being of their respective families and community. Because of the value of their lives divinely created, their names are listed and added to the thousands of other Black lives killed by racist, violent acts of domestic terrorism.

We grieve and offer sympathy to the families of:

Roberta A. Drury of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 32,  
Margus D. Morrison of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 52,  
Andre Mackneil of Auburn, N.Y. – age 53,  
Aaron Salter of Lockport, N.Y. – age 55,  
Geraldine Talley of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 62,  
Celestine Chaney of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 65,  
Heyward Patterson of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 67,  
Katherine Massey of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 72,  
Pearl Young of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 77,  
Ruth Whitfield of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 86.

AABPP deplores this heinous act of violence against Black lives perpetuated by racism and white supremacy. AABPP recognizes the history of violence and domestic terrorism subjected against Black lives since our existence in this country. This is part of the trajectory of living Black in America and perpetuates generational, complex trauma.

AABPP affirms the value of all lives to include African Americans who have been instrumental in building this nation. As part of our mission, AABPP is committed to providing support toward healing from these deep wounds felt by the Black community. Moreover, AABPP is dedicated to advancing the dignity and worth of all individuals and advocating for social justice for all of humanity.

*The mission of the Arkansas Association of Black Psychology Professionals is to promote the mental health of the black community through education, social change, and advocacy.*