



## Statement from Mayor Dougherty

Over the span of a week, eight people, including six Asian Americans, in Atlanta fell victim to senseless gun violence and in what was widely described as a hate crime. Just last evening residents of Boulder, Colorado were attacked simply shopping for groceries. Many of them were there to receive their COVID vaccines. Over the span of a week, 18 lives were senselessly cut short by hatred and violence.

Today, we are grieving with the people of Atlanta and the residents of Boulder. These acts of terror are not who we are as a people. Our strength as a nation lies in our diversity. Watching in horror and sadness, the Office of the Mayor and Administration, along with the Morristown Police Bureau and Department of Public Safety join the people of Colorado and Atlanta in their sorrow, including the loved ones of Officer Eric Talley, who served the people of Boulder for 11 years and leaves behind a family of seven children.

We have a wonderful home here in Morristown. It has been my honor to be your Mayor and I am proud to represent a town and community as vibrant, diverse, and warm as this one. Morristown is my home, too, which is why I know there is no place for violence or hatred in Morristown. Our administration is committed to preserving the freedom and safety of every Morristown resident. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure Morristown remains the wonderful, loving community we all know it to be.

Mayor Timothy Dougherty