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City to Observe a Moment of Silence in Remembrance of the Victims of the Charleston, SC Church Shooting

Who: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno and Bishop Talbert W. Swan, II

What: Moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Charleston, SC church shootings

When: Friday, June 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Steps of Springfield City Hall, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Springfield, MA – Mayor Domenic J. Sarno and Bishop Talbert W. Swan, II ask residents to observe a moment of silence today at 2:00 p.m. in remembrance of the victims of the Charleston, SC church shooting during ceremony of remembrance on the City Hall steps. Today marks one year since nine parishioners were killed at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston.

Mayor Sarno said, “It is important that we not only mark this tragic event, but more importantly commend the extraordinary resiliency, strength and forgiveness exhibited by the people of Charleston, SC.”

Bishop Talbert Swan, II stated, “One year ago, nine families, the Emanuel A.M.E. Church, the City of Charleston, the nation and the world suffered an unspeakable tragedy. Nine innocent lives were snuffed out in a hateful act of racial violence fostered in an atmosphere of callous bigotry. We remember the Emanuel nine as we continue to fight against the current climate of hate. Sadly, as we remember those lost in Charleston, we must simultaneously pray for the families of the victims in the heinous Orlando shooting and hope for a day when sanctity of life is valued by us all and peace will abide in a nation long plagued by its culture of violence.”

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