

**PROCLAMATION
TO DECLARE JUNE 7, 2019
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
IN THE CITY OF TROY**

WHEREAS, Every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year. Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

WHEREAS, In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 21st birthday; and

WHEREAS, To help honor Hadiya – and the 96 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June, as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**; and

WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on Friday, June 7, 2019, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, By wearing orange on **June 7, 2019** Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council declares the first Friday in June, **June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Troy** and encourages all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage responsible gun ownership and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands to help keep our children safe.

Presented the 3rd Day of June, 2019

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For the agenda item...Thanks



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Dear Troy Council Members:

My thanks to Mayor Slater for placing this request on the consent agenda for the upcoming City Council meeting on Monday. In advance of that meeting, and although I think you have already received a copy, I have attached the proclamation in question, as well as our formal request, below.

The residents of Troy enlist your aid in stemming the epidemic of gun violence in our country. Specifically, we are requesting that the City of Troy issue a proclamation declaring that Friday, June 7, 2019 be proclaimed as National Gun Violence Awareness Day (Wear Orange Day).

This request is being made to honor the 100+ people killed daily by guns in our country; is meant to raise awareness; and is nonpolitical in nature. Sadly, for every person killed, an average of two more are wounded. Gun deaths take many forms including suicides, domestic violence, unintentional shootings, and homicides. Gun violence is now the second leading cause of death for American children.

By proclaiming the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Troy will join hundreds of other municipalities across our nation in bringing attention to these tragedies. The color orange has a long and proud history in the gun safety movement. Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor after she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 — just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. Whether it's worn by hunters in the woods of Pennsylvania, activists in New York City, or Hadiya's loved ones in Chicago, orange honors the 100 lives cut short and the hundreds more wounded by gun violence every day. Since the first National Gun Violence Awareness Day in 2015, hundreds of communities and organizations continue to commemorate that event by wearing orange, holding community events, lighting skylines orange, and issuing city and state proclamations to raise awareness.

We are thankful for Troy's support of this movement in 2018, and we are hoping that after reviewing this request, you will proclaim June 7, 2019 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. A copy of the proclamation is attached. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is required.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

With Respect,

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