

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 7, 2024

- WHEREAS,** NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY WAS ESTABLISHED TO HONOR AND REMEMBER ALL VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF GUN VIOLENCE, AND TO DECLARE THAT WE AS A COUNTRY MUST DO MORE TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** EVERY DAY, 120 AMERICANS ARE KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE AND MORE THAN 200 WHO WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED, WITH AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 17,000 GUN HOMICIDES EVERY YEAR. AMERICANS ARE 26 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE BY GUN HOMICIDE THAN PEOPLE IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN FLORIDA, 3,142 PEOPLE DIE BY GUNS IN AN AVERAGE YEAR, WITH A RATE OF 14.1 DEATHS PER 100,000 PEOPLE. FLORIDA HAS THE 34TH HIGHEST RATE OF GUN DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS,** TO HONOR HADIYA PENDLETON AND VICTIMS WHOSE LIVES WERE CUT SHORT, AS WELL AS SURVIVORS INJURED BY SHOOTINGS, A NATIONAL COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY; AND
- WHEREAS,** GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER AS WE SEE AN INCREASE IN FIREARM HOMICIDES, NONFATAL SHOOTINGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, INCREASED CALLS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINES, AND AN INCREASE IN CITY GUN VIOLENCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THIS CAMPAIGN BY PLEDGING TO WEAR ORANGE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE 2024 TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO HONOR THE LIVES OF GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD RENEWS ITS COMMITMENT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND PLEDGE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP FIREARMS OUT OF THE WRONG HANDS, ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP, AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES' EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE TRAGIC EFFECTS OF GUN VIOLENCE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, AND TO HONOR THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIVES; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 7, 2024, AS:

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

SIGNED THIS 5TH DAY OF
MAY 2024 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
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