## IN RECOGNITION OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

**JUNE 1, 2018** 

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, 96 AMERICANS ARE KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE AND ON AVERAGE THERE ARE

NEARLY 13,000 GUN HOMICIDES EVERY YEAR; AND

WHEREAS: 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: HADIYA PENDLETON, A 15-YEAR-OLD TEENAGER WHO MARCHED IN PRESIDENT OBAMA'S

SECOND INAUGURAL PARADE WAS TRAGICALLY SHOT AND KILLED JUST WEEKS LATER IN

CHICAGO, AND SHOULD NOW BE 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 JUNE 1, 2018, THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE,

AS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 CHOOSING THIS COLOR BECAUSE HUNTERS WEAR ORANGE TO ANNOUNCE THEMSELVES TO OTHER HUNTERS WHEN 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 THE FIRST FRIDAY

IN JUNE OF 2018 TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE AS WELL AS HONORI

THE LIVES OF GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS: AND

WHEREAS: WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND PLEDGE TO DO ALL WE CAN

TO KEEP FIREARMS OUT OF THE WRONG HANDS, AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE GUN

OWNERSHIP TO HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE. NOW

THEREFORE: JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY

COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 1, 2018, AS:

## **GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

SIGNED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2018, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR DEBRA CASE
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
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