

# IN RECOGNITION OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

## JUNE 7, 2019

- 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, 100 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:** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> BIRTHDAY; AND
- WHEREAS:** TO HONOR HADIYA 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:** 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 IN THE WOODS. ORANGE IS ALSO A COLOR THAT SYMBOLIZES THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE TRAGIC EVENTS AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE GUN VIOLENCE RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF 17 STUDENTS AND FACULTY, AND THE WOUNDING OF 17 OTHERS, BRINGS GREATER ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR AWARENESS; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THIS CAMPAIGN BY PLEDGING TO WEAR ORANGE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE 2019 TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA, AND TO HONOR THE LIVES OF GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS; AND
- WHEREAS:** TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE, WE PLEDGE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP FIREARMS OUT OF THE WRONG HANDS, AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERSHIP FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AND THE COMMUNITY; NOW
- THEREFORE:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 7, 2019, AS:

### GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

SIGNED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
JUNE 2019 AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI  
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