

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 7 TO BE
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

DATE: JUNE 4, 2024

PRESENTED BY: CITY COUNCIL

SUMMARY:

City Councilmembers asked staff to place this item on the agenda for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve proclamation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proclamation



PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 7 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 sustain non-fatal firearm injuries over the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a mayors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, city councils and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2023 would have been the 27th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya – and the 120 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 7, 2024, 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 June 7 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7 - 9, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; 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 safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the City Council of the City of Louisville, Colorado, does hereby declare **June 7, 2024 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of LOUISVILLE** 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.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2023

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk