

Proclamation



- WHEREAS:** Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and
- WHEREAS:** Americans are 25 more times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developing 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 and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later in Chicago, should be now celebrating her 22nd birthday; and
- WHEREAS:** To help honor Hadiya – and the 100 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 7th, 2019 as the 5th 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:** The tragic event at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where gun violence resulted in the loss 17 students and faculty, and the wounding of 17 others, brings greater attention to the need for awareness; and
- WHEREAS:** Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to WEAR ORANGE on the first weekend in June of 2019, to help raise awareness about gun violence in America, and to honor 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 to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children and our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, hereby proclaims **June 7th, 2019** to be **National Gun Violence Awareness Day** 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.

DONE this 28th day of May, 2019.



REX HARDIN
MAYOR