

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** the City of Pompano Beach City Commission is firmly committed to the reduction and prevention of gun violence in the City of Pompano Beach and Broward County; and

**WHEREAS:** every day, 110 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides ever year; and

**WHEREAS:** Americans are 26 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 people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS:** gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

**WHEREAS:** in 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old teenager was tragically shot and killed in Chicago. To recognize her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday and other victims of gun violence, June 3, 2022 has been designated as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and as a day to wear the color orange; and

**WHEREAS:** the idea to wear orange 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, to help raise awareness about gun violence in America and to honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, as Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, and on behalf of the City Commission, hereby proclaim June 3, 2022 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Pompano Beach and encourage all citizens to support the community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

**DONE** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



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REX HARDIN  
MAYOR