

# Proclamation



**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 and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later in Chicago, should be now 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<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the first Friday in June, as the 4th 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; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 1, 2018 Americans will 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 encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children and our communities safe.

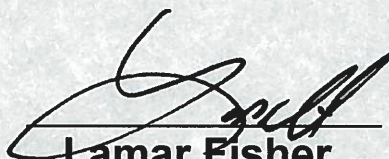
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Pompano Beach hereby proclaims **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** to be

## **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 22nd day of May, 2018.



  
**Lamar Fisher**  
**MAYOR**