

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, every year, an average of 1,057 people in Florida die by gun homicides and 1,803 are wounded by gun assaults, 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

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya, the 120 Americans whose lives are cut short every day, and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of organizations has 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, choosing this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when in the woods, and because orange is 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 in our community; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to WEAR ORANGE on the first weekend in June of 2023 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 encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children and our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims June 2, 2023, as

“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.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 25th day of May 2023.**