

City of Kenmore, Washington



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, over 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, 230 are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 15,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the community is the City of Kenmore's highest responsibility; 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, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Barak Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should now be celebrating her 24th birthday; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya, along with the numerous 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 2nd as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, this 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, by wearing orange on June 2nd Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and 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 safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2, 2021**, to be **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY** in the City of Kenmore and encourage our community to wear orange on that day. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 24th day of May 2021.



Signed: 
Mayor David Baker

Attested: 
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol