



TOWN OF BLUFFTON

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, gun violence touches every segment of our society and impacts people of all ages; it increases the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence; raises the likelihood of fatality by those who intend to injure others and among those who attempt suicide; it places children and young people at increased risk of physical harm and injury; and disproportionately affects communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Gun Violence Awareness Month honors the many lives that have been cut short by gun violence in our country and our community and supports efforts to reduce gun-related crimes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize community organizations which assist families that have been directly impacted by gun violence and provide a continuum of care to grieving parents, spouses, family members and friends who must continue to provide for surviving family members; and

WHEREAS, the City supports continued statewide efforts to strengthen gun safety laws and educate the community on safe gun storage; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside time to honor those Americans whose lives are cut short each year by gun violence, and the countless survivors whose lives are forever altered;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Sulka, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2023** in Bluffton as **Gun Violence Awareness Month** and urge all citizens, businesses, organizations, and agencies to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Bluffton to be affixed this 13th day of June 2023.



Lisa Sulka, Mayor