

Proclamation

Office of the City Commission



WHEREAS, everyday, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; 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 now be celebrating her 22nd birthday; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and the 100 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 4th, 2021 as the seventh annual 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; 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on the first weekend in June of 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence in America, and to honor the lives of gun 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, Greg Ross, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, hereby proclaim that National Gun Violence Awareness Day is recognized on June 4, 2021 and encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

GREG ROSS

Mayor, City of Cooper City

