

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, every day more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a mayor's highest responsibility; and

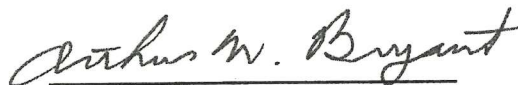
WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers – in partnership with local violence intervention resources – know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2023 two students from the Grosse Pointe communities were victims of gun violence, **Brian Fraser** and **Arielle Diamond Anderson** attended Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North and the third victim, **Alexandria Verner**, attended Clawson High School and whose mother worked at Grosse Pointe North; and

WHEREAS, the community placed orange ribbons on trees and are requesting that to raise awareness June 7, 2024 be recognized as a day anyone can join the campaign by pledging to wear orange, a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can, to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arthur W. Bryant, Mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan do hereby proclaim June 7, 2024 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day** in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan and urge all residents in our community to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis.



Mayor Arthur W. Bryant
June 3, 2024

