

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

**WHEREAS**, National Gun Violence Awareness Day is 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, every day, 130 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of nearly 18,000 gun homicides every year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in high income countries; and,

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides and nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and,

**WHEREAS**, a group of Hadiya's friends asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange on her birthday, the first Friday in June; and,

**WHEREAS**, 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**, to recognize the 29<sup>th</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton on June 5, 2026 (the first Friday in June), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton, other victims of gun violence, and the loved ones of those victims; and,

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 5, 2026, 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 hands of people who should not have access to them and to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor of the City of Kaukauna, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 5, 2026, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Kaukauna.

Proclaimed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026

  
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Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

