



City of Ketchum

## National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation

- Whereas,** every day, 120 people in the United States are killed with guns and more than 200 are shot and wounded; and
- Whereas,** Idaho, has 275 gun deaths every year, and has the 4th highest rate of gun suicides in the US; and
- Whereas,** protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' 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,** mayors and law enforcement officers 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 January 29, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023, to recognize her 26th birthday and pay tribute to her and other victims of gun violence and their loved ones, people across the United States will wear orange to recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
- Whereas,** by wearing orange on June 2, 2023, 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, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby declare the first Friday in June, June 2, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.