



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was tragically shot and killed at age 15- just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade; and after her death, people across the United States stood up, spoke out, and wore orange to raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015 – what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday. Now it is observed nationally on the First Friday in June and the following weekend each year; and

WHEREAS, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors by wearing orange from June 4-6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 4, 2021, as:

"National Gun Violence Awareness Day"

in the City of Manor and encourage all residents to support their community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Manor on this 2nd day of June 2021.

Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor City of Manor