



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, every day, nearly 130 people in the United States are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year. People in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries.

Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others.

Mayors, councilmembers, and law enforcement officers — in partnership with local violence intervention activists and 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.

In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 5, 2026 to recognize the 29th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and the loved ones of those victims.

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2026, as

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

In the City of Mercer Island and urge all resident to support local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human life. We honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and encourage everyone to wear orange on this day to promote awareness and contribute to a safer community.

APPROVED, this 19th day of May 2026.

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum

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The logo for "Wear Orange" consists of the words "wear" and "orange" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is centered on a solid orange rectangular background.