



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 5, 2026 AS

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

WHEREAS, every day, nearly 130 people in the United States are killed with guns, twice as many are shot and wounded, and countless others are impacted by acts of **GUN VIOLENCE**, such that nearly everyone in the United States will know at least one victim of **GUN VIOLENCE** in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States, 4,418 children and teens die by guns every year, 29% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides, and 65% of all gun deaths among children and teens are homicides; and

WHEREAS, Black children and teens in the United States are 14 times more likely than their white peers to die by gun homicide; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety is a responsibility of local government, and 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, to honor those whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June, which this year falls on June 5, 2026, as the 12th **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**, and people across the United States will pledge to wear orange during Wear Orange Weekend, June 5-7, to help raise awareness about **GUN VIOLENCE**; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, who was tragically shot and killed in 2013; they commemorate her life by wearing orange, choosing this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has taken action to reduce **GUN VIOLENCE** by, among other initiatives, enacting legislation to require safe storage of firearms in the home, supporting gun buy-back events, and forming a countywide **GUN VIOLENCE** Prevention Program, and renews its commitment to reduce **GUN VIOLENCE** by pledging to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encouraging responsible gun ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims June 5, 2026, as **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**.

Dated: May 19, 2026

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS