

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING

June 3, 2022

as

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

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WHEREAS, every day over 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, and there were over 20,000 recorded gun deaths, excluding suicides, in 2021; 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 3, 2022, as the 8th National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and people across the United States will pledge to wear orange during Wear Orange Weekend, June 3-5, 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 and supporting gun buy backs, 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 designates the June 3, 2022 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Dated: May 17, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, President

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors