

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

June 4, 2021

**National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

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**WHEREAS**, every day 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, and there were over 19,000 gun homicides last year, the highest toll in over 20 years; 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 the 100 Americans 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 4, 2021, as the 7th National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and people across the United States will pledge to wear orange 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 efforts, enacting legislation to require safe storage of firearms in the home and supporting gun buy-back events, and renews its commitment to reduce gun violence and encourage 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 4, 2021 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

**Dated: May 18, 2021**

SUPERVISORS:

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*DAVID J. CANEPA, President*

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*WARREN SLOCUM*

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

