

WHEREAS, everyday, 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of nearly 18,000 gun homicides each year; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all firearm-related gun deaths in the nation occurs in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, 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, in partnership with local violence intervention activists who are most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it are best positioned to understand how to keep citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and

WHEREAS, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to victims of gun violence and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the color orange symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS F. CARNEY, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby declare the first Friday in June, June , 7, 2024 to be:

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

and encourage all citizens to support their local communities' 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 the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of June 2024.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.
MAYOR