



PROCLAMATION

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Delray Beach to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis.

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; 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 gun violence continue to impact communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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 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; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 5, 2026 people across the United States will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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 June 5, 2026 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 2nd day of June 2026.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
Mayor