

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING JUNE 2, 2023 AS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE 2ND THROUGH JUNE 4TH AS WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, last year, gun violence claimed 44,357 lives, of these, 20,267 were homicides, murders, unintentional or defensive shootings; and 24,090 of these were suicides by gun; and

WHEREAS, recent events, including the April mass shooting in Dadeville, Alabama at a Sweet 16 Birthday party and the killing of five by a neighbor in Cleveland, Texas are tragic examples of the urgency of this issue; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the nation, including the City of Orange Township, are working to end the senseless gun violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is local government’s highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated gun violence and has persisted since then, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in community gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023 to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and to the loved ones of those victims; and


WHEREAS, the idea of recognizing this day was inspired by a group of Hadiya’s friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange and 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township does name June 2, 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 2nd through June 4th as Wear Orange Weekend.

Adopted: June 7, 2023

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