



PROCLAMATION
DECLARING JUNE 4, 2022 AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

This proclamation declares June 4, 2022, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Superior to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 300 sustain non-fatal firearm injuries over the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the community is our highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, local officials and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2022 would have been the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya – and 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 June 4, 2022, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; 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, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 4th to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 4th, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Trustees of the Town of Superior declares June 4, 2022, to be recognized as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We encourage citizens to raise awareness and honor victims and survivors, and the lost human potential of American lives stolen by gun violence, and to support local community efforts to reduce gun violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of May, 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Lacis", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Lacis, Mayor Pro-tem