



CITY OF
ST. CHARLES
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Proclamation

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 4, 2021

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, more than 230 are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, cities, including St. Charles, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety is a mayors' highest responsibility; 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, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed; and on June 4, 2021 to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, born: June 2, 1997; 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 the loved ones of those victims;

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, I, Lora Vitek Mayor of the City of St. Charles, declare June 4, 2021, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives. .

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Lora A. Vitek, Mayor