



City of St. Charles
ILLINOIS

Proclamation

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE

We join our neighbors in Geneva and Batavia with the following proclamation.

- WHEREAS,** every day 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year. Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and
- WHEREAS,** protecting public safety in the community he or she serves is one of the Mayor's highest responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** support for Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with reducing gun violence; and
- WHEREAS,** suburban mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are the best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and
- WHEREAS,** the idea of a National Gun Violence Awareness Day was inspired by a group of Chicago high school students, friends of Hadiya Pendleton, to honor her memory and remind us to honor all whose lives have been lost. The idea to wear orange on the First Friday of June as a day to raise awareness of gun violence comes from these same students who chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters; and
- WHEREAS,** anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 7th, the first Friday in June in 2019, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and by wearing orange on this date Americans 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 encourage responsible gun ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June as "**National Gun Violence Awareness Day**" in the City of St. Charles. I encourage all citizens to support our local community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence.

SEAL:




Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor