

1 [National Gun Violence Awareness Day - June 4, 2021]

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3 **Resolution acknowledging June 4, 2021, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and**  
4 **to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and to declare that as**  
5 **a country, it must do more to reduce gun violence.**

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7 WHEREAS, Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside  
8 more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun  
9 homicides each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in  
11 other high-income countries; and

12 WHEREAS, California has 3,090 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 7.6 deaths per  
13 100,000 people. California has the 45th highest rate of gun deaths in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half  
15 of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

16 WHEREAS, Cities across the nation, including in San Francisco, are working to end  
17 the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

18 WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Board of  
19 Supervisors' highest responsibility; and

20 WHEREAS, Keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories goes hand-in-  
21 hand with supporting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, Elected officials know their communities best, are the most familiar with  
23 local public safety issues and how to address them, and are best positioned to understand  
24 how to keep their citizens safe; and

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1           WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19  
2 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun  
3 sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun  
4 violence; and

5           WHEREAS, In 2020, the City of San Francisco saw a 63% increase in gun related  
6 incidents that resulted in two tragic deaths; and

7           WHEREAS, The trend has continued in 2021 with the San Francisco Police  
8 Department reporting that shootings are up 300% as compared to the same period last year;  
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10           WHEREAS, In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age  
11 15; and on June 4, 2021, to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2,  
12 1997), people across the United States will acknowledge National Gun Violence Awareness  
13 Day and wear orange in tribute to (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and  
14 (2) the loved ones of those victims; and

15           WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya’s friends, who asked their  
16 classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because  
17 hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and  
18 orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

19           WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 4th,  
20 the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

21           WHEREAS, By wearing orange on Friday June 4, 2021, Americans will raise  
22 awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; now,  
23 therefore be it,

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1           RESOLVED, San Francisco renews the commitment to reduce gun violence and  
2     pledge to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible  
3     gun ownership to help keep children safe; and be it,

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins in solidarity  
5     and acknowledges the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, as National Gun Violence  
6     Awareness Day and encourages all San Franciscans to support our efforts to prevent the  
7     tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

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