

1 [National Gun Violence Awareness Day - June 6, 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, to**  
4 **honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and to reaffirm the City**  
5 **and County of San Francisco's commitment to a future free from gun violence.**  
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7 WHEREAS, In 2023, nearly 47,000 Americans lost their lives to gun violence and over  
8 115,000 more are shot and wounded, including through homicides, suicides, accidental  
9 shootings, and police-involved incidents; and

10 WHEREAS, Firearm-related injuries are now the leading cause of death for children  
11 and teenagers in the United States, surpassing car accidents, cancer, and all other causes;  
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13 WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed by a firearm than residents  
14 of other countries with similar GDP per capita, and this disproportionate toll falls especially  
15 hard on communities of color, young people, and those living in urban centers; and

16 WHEREAS, Access to a firearm in a situation of domestic violence increases the risk of  
17 homicide by 500%; and

18 WHEREAS, California has among the strongest gun safety laws in the country and  
19 consistently ranks among the states with the lowest rates of gun deaths; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2024, San Francisco recorded 35 homicides, the lowest number since  
21 the 1960s, reflecting the city's sustained commitment to public safety, violence prevention,  
22 and community-based intervention strategies; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to enforcement, the City recognizes that preventing gun  
24 violence requires a holistic strategy that addresses trauma, expands access to mental health  
25 care, builds trust between public institutions and communities, and removes firearms from

1 dangerous situations through tools such as red flag laws and responsible storage practices;  
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3 WHEREAS, Approximately 4.6 million children in the United States live in homes with  
4 guns that are both loaded and accessible, underscoring the critical importance of secure  
5 firearm storage to prevent unintentional shootings and unauthorized access; and

6 WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day was inspired by the tragic death of  
7 Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was shot and killed shortly after performing at President  
8 Obama's second inaugural parade in 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, On the first Friday in June, people across the country wear orange, the  
10 color hunters wear to protect themselves and others, to raise awareness and signal that every  
11 life lost to gun violence is one too many; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes June 6, 2025,  
13 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and joins individuals and communities across the  
14 nation in honoring the lives of those affected by gun violence; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms its ongoing commitment  
16 to public safety and a comprehensive strategy to prevent gun violence, grounded in both  
17 accountability and care; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages all San Franciscans to wear  
19 orange on June 6 and take action in support of gun violence prevention, including advocating  
20 for stronger gun laws, supporting survivors, and investing in community-driven solutions that  
21 promote healing, hope, and safety.