

1 [Recognizing and Supporting the First Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day -  
2 June 2, 2015]

3 **Resolution recognizing and supporting the First Annual National Gun Violence**  
4 **Awareness Day on June 2, 2015, to bring attention to the 88 Americans stolen by gun**  
5 **violence every day, and encouraging San Franciscans to wear orange to bring**  
6 **awareness to this epidemic.**

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8 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a majorette and high school  
9 student from the south side of Chicago, marched in President Obama’s 2nd inaugural parade;  
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11 WHEREAS, One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed a mile from the Obama’s Hyde  
12 Park home in Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya’s childhood friends, asked their classmates  
14 to commemorate Hadiya’s life – and the lives of hundreds claimed by Chicago’s gun violence  
15 every year – by wearing orange, because hunters wear the color orange to warn other hunters  
16 not to shoot; and

17 WHEREAS, By wearing orange, they said “we are showing others that we are human  
18 and wish not to be gunned down; and

19 WHEREAS, On June 2nd, on what would have been Hadiya’s 18th birthday, in  
20 coordination with the Pendleton family, Everytown for Gun Safety – a movement of Americans  
21 working together to end gun violence and build safer communities – will ask people  
22 nationwide to honor her life, her friends’ call to action and the 88 Americans stolen by gun  
23 violence every day by wearing orange; and

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1           WHEREAS, Millions of Americans are coming together to fight for a country where  
2 every person can live a life free from gun violence by taking the pledge to wear orange on  
3 June 2, 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on February  
5 3, 2015, establishing a Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to advise City Departments and  
6 policymakers on methods to reduce gun violence in the City finding that ensuring the safety  
7 and protection of its citizens is among the most important roles of government; and

8           WHEREAS, San Francisco has a significant urban population affected by gun violence  
9 and gun violence has taken too many lives in San Francisco; and

10           WHEREAS, From 2007 through July 2014, 1,731 individuals in San Francisco either  
11 were wounded or lost their lives to gun violence, and countless others have been affected by  
12 the resulting trauma of experiencing gun violence; and

13           WHEREAS, On June 27, 2014, over 40 children playing at the Herz playground in  
14 Visitacion Valley witnessed the horrific shooting and murder of Allen Calloway in broad  
15 daylight; and

16           WHEREAS, On January 27, 2015, a mother in Bayview, Maria Lourdes Soza, was  
17 killed by a stray bullet in front of her three children, marking a violent start to the year; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins in solidarity and  
20 recognizes and supports the First Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2,  
21 2015, to bring attention to the 88 Americans stolen by gun violence every day and to the San  
22 Franciscans we have lost due to gun violence; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages  
24 everyone to wear orange on June 2, 2015, to bring awareness to this epidemic and to  
25 remember all the lives we have lost due to gun violence.