



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

National Gun Violence Awareness Day – June 2 Wear Orange

- Whereas, gun violence in the United States has become all too common; and
- Whereas, according to the nonprofit Gun Violence Archive, through May 30 of this year there have been 21,278 incidents of gun violence in America; and
- Whereas, these incidents resulted in 5,379 deaths, 1,397 of the victims are children 17 and younger; and
- Whereas, the wear orange movement has its roots in 2013 when friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a teen from the south side of Chicago who was shot and killed a week after marching in President Obama's second inaugural, wore orange to remember her life and asked others to do the same; and
- Whereas, orange was chosen because it is the color that hunters wear to protect themselves and others; and
- Whereas, each year on June 2, we are asked to wear orange to show we are coming together to work to end gun violence in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim June 2 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Takoma Park and urge residents to wear orange as a celebration of life and a call to action to help save lives from gunfire by pursuing common sense solutions to gun violence.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2016.

Kate Stewart
Mayor