



PROCLAMATION

National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Kansas City

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and another 200 are shot and wounded. On average, there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries, and protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people that shouldn't have them; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever, following the COVID-19 pandemic with many communities facing increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4, 2021, to recognize her 24th birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 4th, the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 4, 2021, 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 pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

Now, therefore, I, Quinton Lucas, Mayor of the Kansas City, Missouri formally designate **June 4, 2021 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day** in the City of Kansas City, Missouri, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a city and country must do more to reduce gun violence.



Quinton D. Lucas