

CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE

Proclamation

National Gun Violence Awareness Day - June 4, 2021

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

WHEREAS, 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, 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, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; 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, Eric Mikkelson, Mayor of the City of Prairie Village, formally designate June 4, 2021 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Prairie Village, Kansas, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.



Mayor Eric Mikkelson

Adam Geffert, City Clerk