

## P R O C L A M A T I O N

*This proclamation declares June 2 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Kaukauna 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.*

**WHEREAS**, every day, 106 Americans are killed by gun violence and the lives of countless others are injured; and

**WHEREAS**, over 600 lives are lost to gun violence in Wisconsin each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a mayor's highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

**WHEREAS**, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

**WHEREAS**, June 2, 2018, would have been the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

**WHEREAS**, to help honor Hadiya – and the 106 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2, 2018, as the fourth annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; 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 2 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 2, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; 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 BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Anthony J. Penterman of the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, declare June 2 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor