



**TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE
PROCLAMATION
SUPPORTING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

This Proclamation supports the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Zionsville to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, Americans are killed by gun violence; and,

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Mayors' 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, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 21st birthday; and,

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya – and all 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 1st, 2018, the first Friday in June, as the 4th 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, by wearing orange on June 1, 2018 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and,

WHEREAS, we share the 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, Mayor Haak of the Town of Zionsville declares the first Friday in June, June 1, 2018, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA
BY ITS MAYOR


Timothy R. Haak, Mayor

ATTEST


Edward J. Mitro, Deputy Mayor

