



**Town of Zionsville Proclamation
Declaring the week of February 1 – 7, 2022 as
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK**

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 40,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly 80,000 more are shot and wounded; and,

WHEREAS, every year, on average 959 Hoosiers are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly 1,654 more are shot and wounded; and,

WHEREAS, by early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed; and,

WHEREAS, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to: gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun and unintentional shootings; and,

WHEREAS, 58 percent of American adults, including 68 percent of Black and Latino Americans, or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America; and,

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens; and,

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week, towns and cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville encourages all citizens to support efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

The Town of Zionsville, through its Mayor, recognizes February 1 – 7, 2022 as

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TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA BY ITS MAYOR



Emily Styron, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Johns-Cole, Deputy Mayor