



Office of the Supervisor
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Proclaiming June 4, 2021

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Whereas, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

Whereas, Illinois has 1,363 gun deaths in an average year, with a rate of 10.6 deaths per 100,000 people and the 37th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

Whereas, local governments across the nation, including in Hanover Township, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

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

Whereas, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales and increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines; and

Whereas, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4, 2021 to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and wear orange in tribute to victims of gun violence and their loved ones; 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 honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

Whereas, Hanover Township is committed to reducing gun violence and pledges to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep Township youth safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Supervisor of Hanover Township, Cook County, Illinois that June 4, 2021 is "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" in Hanover Township.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature this Fourth day of June 2021.



Brian P. McGuire, Supervisor