

TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 2024 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



WHEREAS, gun violence continues to impact communities across the nation, with over 120 Americans killed daily and more than 200 shot and wounded, reflecting an enduring and critical public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the rate of gun deaths in California and across the United States calls for persistent efforts to mitigate violence through community engagement and legislative action; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax, along with cities nationwide, is committed to promoting evidence-based solutions and interventions to reduce gun violence and enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens must coincide with effective measures to prevent firearms from reaching individuals with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of mayors, law enforcement, and local violence intervention programs are essential in devising strategies that address the specific needs and challenges of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the increase in firearm-related homicides and nonfatal shootings underscores the need for heightened awareness and preventative action, especially as communities face escalating challenges related to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax recognizes the significance of honoring those affected by gun violence, including Hadiya Pendleton, a symbol of the countless young lives cut short by such tragedies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Town of Fairfax declares June 2024 as National Gun Violence Awareness Month. The Town encourages all citizens to actively participate in scheduled events and initiatives that aim to prevent gun violence and to honor the lives affected. By promoting responsible gun ownership and supporting local efforts, we reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding our community and fostering a secure environment for all.

Signed and dated this 29th day of May 2024,



Barbara Coler, Mayor of Fairfax