

**City of San Rafael  
Proclamation in Recognition of  
National Gun Violence Awareness Day  
June 2, 2023**

**WHEREAS,** the first Friday in June is declared as National Gun Violence Awareness Day to commemorate, honor, and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a city and country must do more to reduce gun violence; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries, and every day more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, and another 200 are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; 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 helps prevent accidental gun incidents; and

**WHEREAS,** gun violence prevention is more important than ever as calls for service to suicide and domestic violence hotlines increases, and there is an increase in gun violence in schools and public spaces; and

**WHEREAS,** we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to encourage responsible gun ownership and keep firearms out of the wrong hands, in order to keep our communities, children, and most vulnerable individuals safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2023, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The Mayor and members of the City Council call upon our residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in San Rafael to commit to increasing awareness on gun violence and encourages all citizens to support our local efforts to honor and value human lives by preventing the misuse of guns and the tragic effects of gun violence.



**Kate Colin  
Mayor**