

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, June 2nd would have been the 18th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just a week later; and

**WHEREAS**, to help honor Hadiya - and the 88 Americans whose lives are cut short by gun violence every day – and the countless survivors whose lives are forever altered by shootings each year – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, as the first annual 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 - to warn other hunters not to shoot, and because orange a color that symbolizes life and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 20 times more likely to be murdered with a gun than people in other developed countries; and

**WHEREAS**, we as a community should honor the lives – and lost human potential – of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we as a community should do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and work for policies that encourage responsible gun ownership, as this is essential to keeping our children and our communities safe; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to help raise awareness about gun violence; and by wearing orange on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives – and lost human potential – of Americans stolen by gun violence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **June 2, 2015** as “**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**”. I encourage all citizens to wear orange and to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015

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Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor