



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2021-35

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

WHEREAS, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence everyday leading to nearly 13,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

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

WHEREAS, local public officials and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who performed during President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed one week later, and to honor Hadiya and all Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day - a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June as Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate Hadiya's life wearing orange symbolizes the value of human life, and by wearing orange on June 4, 2021 Charles County residents will help raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim June 4, 2021 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day** in Charles County and encourage all residents to wear orange on this day to support the efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

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