

City of Buffalo

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Protecting the public safety of children, families, residents and business owners is a top priority in the City of Buffalo; and
- WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers in Buffalo, and in cities across New York and the Nation, 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, Government leaders, business and community members, anti-violence advocates and residents in Buffalo continue to work together to raise awareness about gun violence prevention, particularly on National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS, As part of National Gun Violence Awareness Day activities, everyone is encouraged to wear the color 'orange' in a show of support to end gun violence in Buffalo and in cities across the country; by wearing orange on June 2nd, people will help raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and
- WHEREAS, Every shooting affects the lives of a countless number of people and there is nothing more powerful than for an entire city to stand united together to make Buffalo an even safer city to live, work and invest; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Buffalo continues to make significant investments in public safety citywide that has resulted in a 35% reduction in overall crime since 2005, with violent crime down by 28%; more than 15,000 illegal guns have been removed from city streets, over 230 surveillance cameras have been installed, numerous collaborative efforts with other law enforcement agencies and partnerships with organizations like Buffalo Peacemakers continue to result in successful arrests and convictions - and in 2017 a new Police Substation will open at the Broadway Market, as well as the opening of the new City of Buffalo Police and Fire Headquarters at the Michael J. Dillon U.S. Courthouse Building; and
- WHEREAS, June 2, 2017 would have marked the 20th Birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a Chicago teenager who marched in then President Barack Obama's second inaugural parade, and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and
- WHEREAS, To help honor Hadiya- and the other Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – the City of Buffalo supports a local and national coalition of organizations in designating June 2, 2017, as the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS, On this day, the City of Buffalo renews its commitment to reduce gun violence and pledges to continue to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our community safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, BYRON W. BROWN, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2017 as

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

in the City of Buffalo and that the top of Buffalo City Hall will be lit orange on this evening.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of the
City of Buffalo to be
affixed this 2nd day
of June, 2017

BYRON W. BROWN
MAYOR