



# *The City of Minneapolis*

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Quincy, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,  
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

### **Declaring June 2nd to be National Gun Violence Awareness/Orange Walk Day.**

**WHEREAS**, every day, 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and the lives of countless others are injured; and

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

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; 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**, mayors 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**, June 2, 2016, would have been the 19th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

**WHEREAS**, to help honor Hadiya – and the 91 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2, 2016, as the second 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 and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 2nd to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 2nd, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis that June 2, 2016, is declared to be National Gun Violence Awareness/Orange Walk Day, and that the 35W Bridge be lit orange on this day.

Passed, April 29, 2015

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Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk