

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County had 327 gun-related deaths between 2018-2021, with a rate of 9.6 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the taxpayers an average of \$274,000 per death.

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including the City Of El Paso, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see an increase in firearm homicides, and nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which falls on June 2, 2023, marks the beginning of Wear Orange Weekend, a time to honor the lives lost to gun violence and to advocate for sensible gun laws.

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023 to recognize the 26th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Of El Paso declares the first Friday in June, June 2, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day and all citizens are encouraged to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2023.



CITY OF EL PASO:

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