

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Gun Violence Awareness Month – June 2024

WHEREAS, in an average year, 44,341 people die and 96,935 are wounded by guns in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control, costing the country \$557.2billion each year; and

WHEREAS, guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in the United States, and in the United States, an average of 4,094 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 31% of these deaths are suicides and 63% are homicides; and

WHEREAS, black children and teens in the United States are 17 times more likely than their white peers to die by gun homicide; and


WHEREAS, protecting public safety is a responsibility of local government, and support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, to honor those 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, which this year falls on June 7, 2024, as the 10th annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and people across the United States will pledge to wear orange during Wear Orange Weekend, June 10-12 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has taken action to reduce gun violence in Napa County by, among other initiatives, enacting policy to require safe storage of firearms in the home, implementing a firearm relinquishment program, and renews its commitment to reduce gun violence by pledging to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encouraging responsible gun ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 4th day of June, does hereby recognize **June 2024** as **Gun Violence Awareness Month** in Napa County. We call upon all members of the community to remain watchful of risk factors and employ and promote safe gun ownership practices.


Joelle Gallagher, Chair


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