



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year. Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and
- WHEREAS,** protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayor and council's highest responsibility; and
- WHEREAS,** 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,** the mayor, city council, 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 residents safe; and
- WHEREAS,** in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade, was tragically shot and killed just weeks later. She would now be celebrating her 22nd birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** to help honor Hadiya – and the 100 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 the 5th 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,** the City of Northglenn will observe a local Gun Violence Awareness Day on Friday, June 14th. By wearing orange, we will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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 and community safe.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Antonio B. Esquibel, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Northglenn, Colorado, hereby proclaim June 14th, 2019 as:

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Northglenn and encourage all residents to support local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado this 10th day of June 2019.

ANTONIO B. ESQUIBEL
Mayor Pro Tem

