

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day gun violence kills 100 Americans, Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries, 50 women are shot to death by intimate partners in an average month; and 62 percent of firearm deaths in the United States are suicides; and

WHEREAS, Firearms are the second leading cause of death for American children and teens (age 19 or under); Nearly 1,700 children and teens are killed with guns in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people and protecting public safety; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2020, would have been the 23rd birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenage girl who was shot and killed weeks after marching in President Obama's second inaugural parade and we honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence on this day; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on Friday, June 5, 2020 to help raise awareness about gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe, and to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim, June 5, 2020, as:

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in Missoula, Montana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 2nd day of June, in the year two thousand twenty.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Engen".

John Engen
Mayor