

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** every day gun violence kills 100 Americans, 50 women are shot to death by intimate partners in an average month; Montana has been in the top 5 states for highest rates of suicide for the last 40 years, and 62 percent of firearm deaths in the United States are suicides; LGBTQ youth are 4 times more likely to attempt suicide as their straight peers; and
- WHEREAS,** Firearms are the second leading cause of death for American children and teens (age 19 or under); It is estimated that there are more than 1,100 suicides on college campuses 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, 2021, would have been the 24th 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 4, 2021 to help raise awareness about gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership and storage 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 4, 2021, 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 24th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



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

John Engen  
Mayor