

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Office of the First Selectman

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gun violence is a major public health problem in the United States; and

WHEREAS, every day 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and countless others are injured; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 3,000 children and teens are unintentionally shot and killed; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2016 would have been the 19th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a young woman who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was shot and killed just a week after; and

WHEREAS, to help 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 June 2, 2016 as the second annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2nd, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence, pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of dangerous hands and encourage responsible gun ownership; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016 I urge all citizens to support #WearOrange by wearing orange to honor all lives cut short by gun violence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman, join hundreds of local and state leaders across the nation in dedicating June 2, 2016 as

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Newtown to be affixed this Second Day of June, 2016.

E. Patricia Llodra

E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman

