

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
JUNE 3RD, 2022 AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE
AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE 4-5, 2022 AS
WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, gun violence is the cause of nearly 40,000 deaths annually in the United States, which includes homicides, suicides, accidents and other causes; and

WHEREAS, June 3 is recognized as Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 4-5, 2022 is recognized as Wear Orange Weekend across the U.S. and all are encouraged to wear orange to support common sense solutions that will save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Wear Orange campaign was started by high school students from the Southside of Chicago to commemorate the loss of their fifteen-year-old classmate, Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot and killed just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013; and

WHEREAS, after her death, they asked us to stand up, speak out, and Wear Orange to raise awareness about gun violence. They chose the color orange because it is the color hunters were in the woods to protect themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, the Isla Vista community and Santa Barbara County continue to grieve from the mass shooting seven years ago on May 23, 2014, killing six people and injuring thirteen others; and

WHEREAS, the Gun Violence Restraining Order, adopted in the County of Santa Barbara following the Isla Vista shooting, allows for family members, household members, colleagues, and law enforcement to work with the courts to temporarily remove guns and prevent the purchase of new guns by individuals who pose a significant risk of harm to themselves and other; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with the families and victims of the recent racially motivated shootings in Buffalo, NY and Laguna Hills, CA. We as a county will continue working toward creating a more equitable community and ensuring that all people are free from fear of gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes June 3rd, 2022 as "Gun Violence Awareness Day" and June 4-5, 2022 as "Wear Orange Weekend" in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to remember the victims of gun violence and to bring more awareness to gun violence.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 24th day of May, 2022.

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