



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day is June 7, 2019, and

WHEREAS, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes together with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; 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 June 7, 2019, the first Friday in June, as the 5th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear 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, 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 safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristin Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2019 as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the city of Fort Collins to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of June, A.D. 2019.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk