



The City of Woodinville PROCLAMATION

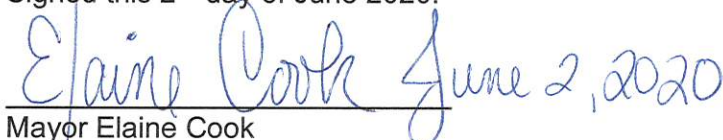
- WHEREAS,** every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and
- WHEREAS,** Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and
- WHEREAS,** in Washington has on average 753 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 10 deaths per 100,000 people. Washington has the 39th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and
- WHEREAS,** gun homicides predominantly occur in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and
- WHEREAS,** cities across the nation, including in Woodinville, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and
- WHEREAS,** protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and
- WHEREAS,** support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and
- WHEREAS,** mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and
- WHEREAS,** the pandemic facing America has drastically impacted communities and individuals sheltering in place which may result in situations where access to firearms results in increased risk in intimate partner violence gun deaths, suicide by gun and unintentional shootings;
- WHEREAS,** in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in the presidential inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 23rd birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** to help honor Hadiya – and the more than 100 Americans whose lives are cut short every day and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 5, 2020, the first Friday in June, as the 6th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS,** the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing 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,** anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 5th, the first Friday in June in 2020, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and
- WHEREAS,** by wearing orange on June 5, 2020 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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, Mayor Elaine Cook, Mayor of the City of Woodinville, Washington, on behalf of the Woodinville City Council, do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June, June 5, 2020 as,

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

in the **CITY OF WOODINVILLE**, and urge all citizens and community organizations join in this observance.

Signed this 2nd day of June 2020.


Mayor Elaine Cook