



## GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY June 7, 2019

*WHEREAS,* Mukilteo families have lost loved ones to gun violence, including deaths by suicide; and

WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in communities where they serve is a Mayor's greatest responsibility; and

*WHEREAS,* 100 Americans are killed every day by gun violence, leaving behind countless survivors whose lives are forever altered; and

*WHEREAS,* Hadiya Pendleton, a 15 year old high school student who marched in President Obama's inaugural parade in 2012, was tragically shot and killed in Chicago a week later. Hadiya would be celebrating her 22nd birthday; and

*WHEREAS,* A broad coalition of organizations, leaders, community members and activists have joined together to designate the first Friday in June as "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence; and

*WHEREAS,* Americans are encouraged to wear orange on June 7 in honor of National Gun Violence Day to amplify and draw attention to efforts to reduce gun violence and save lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, recognize the local impact of gun violence and proclaim June 7, 2019 as *Gun Violence Awareness Day* in Mukilteo. I encourage all residents to wear orange and advocate for a safe community, where every person can live a life free from gun violence.

Signed this 28th Day of May, 2019

Jennifer Gregerson Mayor