



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY (Wear Orange) **June 4, 2021**

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 24th 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 4 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 4, 2021, 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 1st day of June, 2021,

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor