

RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

This resolution declares the month of June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Month in the Duluth Public School District to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis.

WHEREAS, every day, nearly 130 people in the United States are killed by gun violence, and 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has 551 gun deaths every year, and 1,174 people in Minnesota are wounded by guns; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is one of the school district's highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, Gun Violence Awareness Month reminds us that we are called to raise awareness about gun violence and to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and the impact to individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of June, participating social networks, landmarks, and communities will light up in orange, representing a bright future free from gun violence. Orange further expresses our interest to draw attention to the issue, promote dialogue, and encourage action towards creating safer schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see high levels of gun violence continue to plague our communities; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange in June to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Gun Violence Awareness Month is highlighted in June, but should be prioritized daily; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to work to end gun violence and encourage responsible gun ownership so that Duluth Public Schools remain a safe, vibrant and healthy part of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth School Board declares June 2026 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Month. We encourage all schools to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic impacts of gun violence, to honor and save lives, and further encourage community members and leaders to come together to discuss ways to make the community safer.