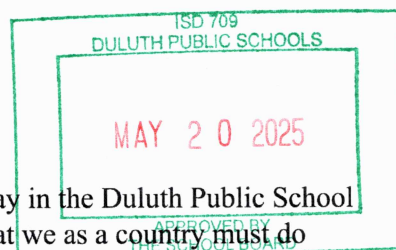


## RESOLUTION

### DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY



This resolution declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day 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, 125 people in the United States are killed by gun violence and more than 260 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, people in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, in Minnesota 527 gun deaths occur every year, and 1,174 people are wounded by guns every year; a crisis that costs the state \$6.6 billion each year, of which \$105.5 million is paid by taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a high priority of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 6, 2025 to recognize the 28th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to -

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) the loved ones of those victims; 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 6th, the first Friday in June in 2025, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 6, 2025 people across the United States 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 hands of people who should not have access to them and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep families and communities safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Duluth School Board declares the first Friday in June, June 6, 2025, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We encourage all schools to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.