



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene, Oregon

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** Every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; 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 dangerous people; 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:** In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 21st birthday; and

**WHEREAS:** The idea of honoring Hadiya was inspired by a group of her 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

**WHEREAS:** Anyone can join the national coalition of organizations that has designated June 1st, the first Friday in June in 2018, as Wear Orange Day to help raise awareness about gun violence; 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 dangerous people, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 1, 2018 as

***"National Gun Violence Awareness Day"***

I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

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*June 1, 2018*