

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

- WHEREAS** every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 17,000 gun homicides every year; and
- WHEREAS** municipalities across the nation, including Annapolis, are working to end the senseless gun violence with evidence-based solutions; and
- WHEREAS** Maryland has 724 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.1 deaths per 100,000 people. Maryland has the 30th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and
- WHEREAS** five people were killed at the Capital Gazette on June 28, 2018 and June 28, 2023 will be the five year anniversary of this tragic mass shooting; and
- WHEREAS** municipalities across the nation, including Annapolis, are working to end the senseless gun violence with evidence-based solutions; and
- WHEREAS** in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 2, 2023 to recognize the 26th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya and other victims of gun violence; and to the loved ones of those victims; and
- WHEREAS** anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange in June in 2023, to help raise awareness about gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

**June 2023 as
National Gun Violence Awareness Month
IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**



Gavin Buckley, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis to be affixed this 1st Day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-three.