

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

- WHEREAS** every day, 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and, on average there are 16,000 gun homicides every year; and
- WHEREAS** Americans are 26 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and
- WHEREAS** Maryland has 743 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 12.4 deaths per 100,000 people. Maryland has the 32nd highest rate of gun deaths in the US; 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 people with dangerous histories; and
- WHEREAS** gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and
- WHEREAS** in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4, 2021 to recognize her 24th birthday, people across America will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day by wearing orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims.

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

**June 4, 2022 as
National Gun Violence Awareness Day
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 4th Day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-two.