

# City of Annapolis



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, too many lives are cut short, and too many families are forever changed by the devastating effects of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, we must raise awareness about gun violence prevention and educate our community on measures that can be taken to prevent future tragedies; and

WHEREAS, “Wear Orange” began on June 2, 2015, what would have been the 18th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a high school student from Chicago who was shot and killed on January 29, 2013, just one week after performing at President Obama's second inaugural parade. The color orange was chosen because it is the color that hunters wear to protect themselves and others, signifying the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange, we honor Hadiya and the more than 100 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day. We also renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis is dedicated to the safety and well-being of all its residents and recognizes the importance of community involvement in efforts to prevent gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis supports the national movement to end gun violence and encourages all residents to participate in "Wear Orange Gun Violence Prevention Week" to show solidarity with victims and survivors, and to work together towards a future free from gun violence;

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

**June 2025 as**

# **Wear Orange Gun Violence Prevention Month**

**IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

**I encourage all residents to wear orange and engage in activities  
and events that promote gun violence prevention,  
and honor the lives taken by gun violence.**



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 9<sup>th</sup>  
Day of June in the year of our Lord,  
two thousand twenty-five.