

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 5, 2020**

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has 1,363 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 10.6 deaths per 100,000 people and Illinois has the 37th highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including Naperville, with partners including Naperville Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence and the First Congregational United Church of Christ, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, we 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, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in the presidential inaugural parade was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, and to help honor Hadiya, a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June, as the 6th National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 5, 2020 as,

**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
in the City of Naperville**

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this second day of June, 2020.

Steve Chirico

Steve Chirico, Mayor

