

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY  
JUNE 4, 2021**

- WHEREAS,** every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, 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. Illinois has the 37<sup>th</sup> highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** cities across the nation, including Naperville, with partners including Naperville Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense and the First Congregational United Church of Christ, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and
- WHEREAS,** in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4, 2021 to recognize the 24<sup>th</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya, other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims; 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 keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, as

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

and encourage all citizens to support their local 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 first day of June, 2021.



Steve Chirico, Mayor

