



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Proclaiming the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Sebastopol

WHEREAS, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence everyday leading to nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

WHEREAS, local public officials and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in our community is one of our highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, and increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and

WHEREAS, by this proclamation, Sebastopol honors and remembers all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 4th, the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 4, 2021 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Una Glass, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, to be National Gun Violence

Awareness Day and encourage everyone to commit to efforts to 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 the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 1st day of June 2021.

Mayor Una Glass