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Gun Violence Awareness Day is June 2nd, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio

WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety is a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities through action and awareness campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety was founded by the family and friends of Hadiya Pendleton a majorette and high school honor student from the south side of Chicago who marched in President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade; and

WHEREAS, One week later, after finishing final exams, Hadiya was shot and killed a mile from President Obama's Hyde Park home; and

WHEREAS, Hadiya's childhood friends, including Nza- Ari Khepra, turned their friend's memorial into a symbol for the value of human life by asking their classmates to commemorate Hadiya's life and the lives of hundreds claimed by Chicago's gun violence each year by wearing orange; and

WHEREAS, Originating in hunting culture, orange is a universal symbol of "not to shoot"; acknowledging that America has a proud heritage of responsible gun ownership. But orange also reflects the value of human life. When hunting in the woods, it's expected you'll take aim at a deer or bird but you're also obligated to take care with your life and the lives of fellow hunters; and

WHEREAS, This June 2nd would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday and in honor of her life and the 88 Americans claimed by gun violence every day, we wear orange and remember Hadiya and the others lost to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 2nd, we pledge to: honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands; be responsible gun owners and keep our children safe; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

June 2nd, 2015 will be Gun Violence Awareness Day, in Honor of Hadiya Pendleton, and all those lost through gun violence.