

# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** More than 100 Americans lose their lives to gun violence each day; and
- WHEREAS:** Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is Mayors' highest responsibility; 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:** Mayors 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:** In 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year old teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and
- WHEREAS:** The idea of honoring Hadiya was inspired by a group of her friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to protect themselves while in the woods; and
- WHEREAS:** Anyone can join the national coalition of organizations that has designated June 5th, the first Friday in June 2020 as Wear Orange Day; and
- WHEREAS:** We renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of dangerous people and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 5, 2020 as

*“National Gun Violence Awareness Day”*

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



*Lucy Vinis*

*Mayor Lucy Vinis*

*City of Eugene*

*June 3, 2020*

