

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer



***WHEREAS**, in January 2013, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed on a Chicago playground. To commemorate Hadiya’s life and draw attention to her death, her friends wore orange, which is the color hunters wear to protect themselves; and*

***WHEREAS**, that gesture began a movement to draw attention to gun violence. The first Friday of June became National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which in turn grew into Wear Orange Weekend, which is now part of Gun Violence Awareness Month, marked during the entire month of June; and*

***WHEREAS**, guns that are not properly stored have contributed to school shootings, suicides, and deaths of family members. In 2023, more than 42,000 people died as the result of gun violence, including 37 Fresno residents; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year marks the 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day, which falls on June 7, the first Friday of the month. That kicks off Wear Orange Weekend June 7-9, which will feature virtual and in-person events across the nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno encourages everyone to join this effort to raise gun violence awareness and honor survivors and victims by wearing orange for Wear Orange Weekend, June 7th through 9th as part of Gun Violence Awareness Month.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2024 to be:*

“Gun Violence Awareness Month”

In the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 6th day of June 2024.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

ANNALISA PEREA, Council President

MIKE KARBASSI, Vice President

MIGUEL ARIAS Councilmember District 3

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