

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY June 2, 2017

- WHEREAS,** every day, 93 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 have sustained non-fatal firearm injuries over the last 5 years; 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,** June 2nd, 2017 would have been the 20th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and
- WHEREAS,** to help honor Hadiya – and the 93 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2nd, 2017, as the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS,** by wearing orange on June 2nd, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; 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,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2017 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Northampton.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 2nd day of June in the year 2017.



Mayor David J. Narkewicz