

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 20, 2021 AS NATIONAL ASK DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

WHEREAS, the epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation's children and claiming several lives a day; and

WHEREAS, children in the United States are more likely to die of gun violence than from cancer and heart disease; and;

WHEREAS, one in three American homes with children has guns, and 1.7 million children live in a home with an unlocked, loaded gun; and

WHEREAS, the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign encourages parents to add one more safety question to conversations before their child visits other homes: "Is there an unlocked gun in your house?"; and

WHEREAS, asking this simple question before sending your child to another home could help save your child's life; and

WHEREAS, the hope is that asking will become a common health and safety question, offering an immediate solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect their families and children from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the power of the ASK Campaign is that it brings together all Americans concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes the solution to gun violence a discussion about public safety and good parenting; and

WHEREAS, the first day of summer, the season in which kids typically spend more time at the homes of friends and family, is designated as National ASK Day;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council declare June 20, 2021, to be National Ask Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Kevin Ward

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

June 7, 2020

