

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 7, 2024, TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE.

This proclamation declares June 7, 2024, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Hyattsville and recognizes the devastating impact of gun violence on individuals, families, and communities in the United States.

WHEREAS, each year since 2015, the first Friday in June is designated as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, a day to raise awareness about the issue of gun violence and promote efforts to prevent further tragedies; and

WHEREAS, gun violence touches every segment of our society; injuring over 100 Americans each day, increasing the probability of death in incidents of domestic violence, and raising the likelihood of fatality by those who intend to injure others and among those who attempt suicide; and

WHEREAS, gun violence disproportionately impacts young people and since 2020 has surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death among children and teens in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence, offering support and compassion to those affected by such acts; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of advocating for responsible gun ownership, implementing comprehensive background checks, supporting mental health services, and promoting community-based initiatives that work towards reducing gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim June 7th, 2024, as National Gun Violence Awareness, urging all citizens, businesses, organizations, and agencies to work collaboratively to reduce gun violence in our community.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

June 3, 2024

