



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded; and

*Whereas*, on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year with Americans 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

*Whereas*, Washington State has 781 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 10.2 deaths per 100,000 people, and the 40th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

*Whereas*, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, and because of this, cities across the nation, including Renton, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

*Whereas*, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

*Whereas*, mayors and law enforcement officers recognize the importance of public safety, are most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their residents safe; and

*Whereas*, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

*Whereas*, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton, who was tragically shot and killed at age 15 in 2013, and also honor other victims of gun violence, and the loved ones of those victims; 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, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021 to be

## *National Gun Violence Awareness Day*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all residents to support efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 7th day of June, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

