

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for American children and teens age 19 or under, and in Montana firearms are the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens; and it is estimated there are more than 1,100 suicides on college campuses in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, gun violence kills 120 Americans every day, on average 70 women are shot to death by intimate partners in an average month, and in Montana, 228 die and 259 are wounded by guns in an average year;

WHEREAS, Montana has been in the top five states for highest rates of suicide for the last 40 years, and 57 percent of firearm deaths in the United States are suicides, with suicide being the number one preventable death for 10- to 14-year-olds and LGBTQ youth being four times more likely to attempt suicide as their straight peers; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2024, would have been the 27th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenage girl who was shot and killed in a neighborhood park and we honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence on this day; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on Friday, June 7, 2024, to help raise awareness about gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership and storage to help keep our children safe and to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands; and

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners and the City of Missoula in the State of Montana do hereby proclaim June 7, 2024, as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

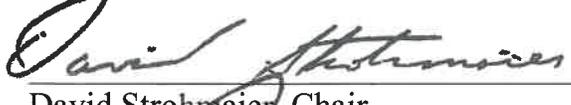
DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024

CITY OF MISSOULA

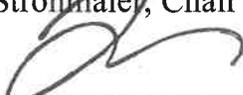


Andrea Davis, Mayor

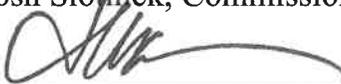
COUNTY OF MISSOULA



David Strohmaier, Chair



Josh Slotnick, Commissioner



Juanita Vero, Commissioner

