

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and,

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and,

WHEREAS, in Missouri there are 1,222 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 9.1 deaths per 100,000 people. Missouri has the 5th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; 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, 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, the first Friday in June is designated as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and everyone is encouraged to wear orange in recognition and tribute to gun violence victims and their loved ones; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021 as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

to promote awareness of reducing gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership and support efforts to help keep our community and children safe.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 18th day of May 2021.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD