



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gun violence affects each and every city across the country. Mayor's and law enforcement officers throughout the country know their communities best and are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it. As such, the City of Springfield is proud to join with communities from across the nation in supporting "100 Cities to Reduce Gun Violence"; and

Whereas, In an effort to address the issue of violence in our city, the City of Springfield has established a **Citywide Violence Prevention Task Force**. Consisting of appropriate city departments, and members and organizations of the community, the **Mayor's Violence Prevention Task Force** focuses on addressing the issues of not just guns in our neighborhoods but other negative elements such as drugs, gangs, and other criminal activity. This is done through partnerships, collaboration between the community and local, state and federal agencies, and community and youth outreach to address the issues at the source and focus on ways and means to improving the quality of life; and

Whereas, The City of Springfield supports the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens and as such it goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people. We renew our commitment to reducing 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 community safe; and

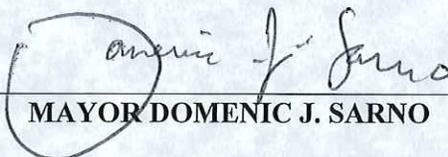
Whereas, The City of Springfield joins with communities across the country in acknowledging the need to increase awareness in public safety. The City of Springfield joins the national coalition of organizations in designating the month of June, 2016 as National Gun Violence Awareness Month.

Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor
Of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

The Month of *June of 2016*

"National Gun Violence Awareness Month"

In the City of Springfield, and I strongly encourage all our citizens to join with me in acknowledgment of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.


MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

God Bless.