



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

Every day, 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and the lives of countless others are injured. June 2nd, 2016 would have been the 19th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched with President Obama's second inaugural parade and who was tragically shot and killed just weeks later. To honor and recognize Hadiya, a group of friends asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; as the color oranges is the color hunters wear to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is also a color that symbolizes the value of human 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,

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; and

Whereas,

The City of Springfield joins with cities and towns 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 June 2nd, 2016 as the second annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor

Of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim

Thursday, June 2, 2016

"National Gun Violence Awareness Day"

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.

Domenic J. Sarno

God Bless

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO