



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Every day in the United States, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside the more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year with Americans being 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2019, Florida experienced 2,752 gun-related deaths, with a rate of 12.5 deaths per 100,000 people, with Florida having the 31<sup>st</sup> highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

**WHEREAS:** In Florida, firearm deaths are the second leading cause of death for children and teens and gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearms related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities, and Duval County has a rate of 20.5 deaths per 100,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS:** In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and

**WHEREAS:** On June 4, 2022 to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton, other victims of gun violence, and the loved ones of those victims; and

**WHEREAS:** The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange. They chose this color because hunters wear orange to be more visible to other hunters when in the woods and orange symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS:** In Jacksonville, our community is committed to reducing gun violence and pledges to do all we can within the parameters allowed by Local, State, and Federal law to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities and children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2022 as

## **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

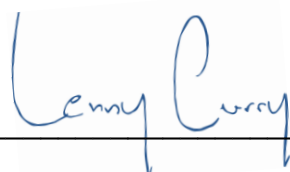
And proclaim June 4-5, 2022 as

## **WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support local community efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 6<sup>th</sup> day in June in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

  
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MAYOR