



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the City Council's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation, including in Shoreline, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; 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, locally elected officials and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic facing America has drastically impacted communities and individuals sheltering in place which may result in situations where access to firearms results in increased risk in intimate partner violence gun deaths, suicide by gun and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS, to help honor the more than 100 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday of June 2020 as the 6th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 5, 2020, to help raise awareness about gun violence; 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 and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2020 as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Shoreline, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.



Will Hall, Mayor