Officials to Recognize "Gun Violence Awareness Day" at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at Southside Library

Public Invited to Attend Reading of Mayoral Proclamation, to be Followed by Moment of Silence

Mayor Alan Webber proclaims Friday, June 3, 2022, as "Gun Violence Awareness Day."

The Proclamation reads in part: "As a community, 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." (See the Proclamation below.

Members of the public are invited to join State Representative Linda Serrato, Councilor Amanda Chavez, Councilor Jamie Cassutt, School Board Member Sascha Anderson, and SFPS Superintendent Hilario "Larry" Chavez for a reading of the proclamation.

There will be a moment of silence for the lives lost in Uvalde, Texas. Members of the public are invited to wear orange to support this important day. Orange ribbons will be provided coloring pages will be available for children.

City Councilor Amanda Chavez says: "Gun Violence Awareness is of the utmost importance to me as a mother, educator, and elected official. We need to continue to raise awareness in our community. The reading of this proclamation, wearing orange, and working on legislation that makes changes for our community are just some of the steps we can take. We need to continue to come together and end the gun violence that continues to take innocent lives."



WHEREAS, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, more than 200 are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has 433 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 20.5 deaths per 100,000 people, the seventh highest rate in the country; 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 two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in urban gun violence; and

WHEREAS, people across the United States recognize the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a Chicago girl who was tragically shot and killed at age 15, and in tribute to all victims of gun violence and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, as a community 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, I, ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022, AS

"Gun Violence Awareness Day."

Promulgada en el ayuntamiento, el día tres de junio, del año 2022 Done at City Hall, this 3rd day