

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 31

**DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE AS
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

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

WHEREAS, the leading cause of death for American children and teens is gun violence; and

WHEREAS, California has 3,160 gun deaths every year, over 50 percent of which are suicides; and

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

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people that shouldn't have them; 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 city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15, and on June 3, 2022 to recognize her 25th birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence as well as their loved ones; and

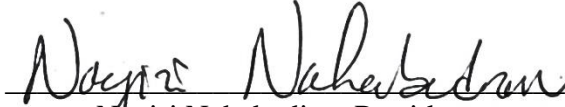
WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange—they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 3, 2022, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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 the Board of Education of the Glendale Unified School District declares the first Friday in June, June 3, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We encourage all schools to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 31st day of May 2022, at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.


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