

# Proclamation

## NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, every day, more than 125 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot or wounded; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for American children and teens; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks 24<sup>rd</sup> amongst states for gun deaths in the United States with an average of 1,714 deaths every year with 56% of gun-related deaths by suicide; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

WHEREAS, together with our neighbors in Orange County, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough, the Town of Carrboro supports efforts to enact commonsense gun safety laws and educate the community on gun safety; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 6th, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by 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, we the Carrboro Mayor and Town Council hereby proclaim June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as

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in Carrboro and encourage everyone to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives as well as to advocate with state and local elected officials for passage to maintain and enact commonsense gun legislation.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.

  
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