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Please consider the passage of this important Proclamation on the Consent Calendar! It is NOW more important than ever for everyone to be aware of gun violence prevention and we must continue to advocate for that awareness! Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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**We urge the City Council to approve Consent Calendar Item #7 -the Proclamation Supporting National Gun Violence Awareness Day at your May 13 meeting.**

**June 5 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day in 2020. The first National Gun Violence Awareness Day occurred in 2015. The day was organized in part to memorialize the 2013 death of Hadiya Pendleton who was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 - just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. Cities every year since then have proclaimed National Gun Violence Awareness Day in their respective areas.**

**There is clearly no silver bullet for preventing gun violence, but the only way forward is to learn more about the phenomenon in all its diversity and to use this knowledge to evaluate and promote preventive interventions. Otherwise we will never succeed in reducing the tragic harm from firearm violence that we have seen occur in recent mass shootings, and in daily unpublicized incidents of gang shootings, intimate partner violence, impulsive suicide and accidental shootings.**

Sincerely,

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