

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.58

Senator McMorrow offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize June 7, 2019, as National Gun
2 Violence Awareness Day.

3 Whereas, We honor and remember all victims and survivors of
4 gun violence. Our country must do more to reduce gun violence; and

5 Whereas, Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence
6 and countless others are wounded; and

7 Whereas, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with
8 guns than people in other high-income countries; and

9 Whereas, Protecting public safety in the communities they
10 serve is among a governor's highest responsibilities; and

11 Whereas, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-
12 abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from

1 people that shouldn't have them; and

2 Whereas, June 2019 would have marked the 22nd birthday of
3 Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's
4 second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just
5 weeks later; and

6 Whereas, To honor Hadiya, and the 100 Americans whose lives
7 are cut short as well as the countless others who are wounded by
8 gun violence every day, June 7, 2019, has been designated as the
9 fifth National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

10 Whereas, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends
11 who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing
12 orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to
13 protect themselves and others. Orange is a color that has been
14 embraced by the gun safety movement because it symbolizes the value
15 of human life; and

16 Whereas, By wearing orange and commemorating National Gun
17 Violence Awareness Day on June 7, Americans will raise awareness
18 about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of
19 Americans stolen by gun violence; and

20 Whereas, We renew our commitment to reduce gun violence,
21 pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands,
22 and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children
23 safe; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the Senate, That members of this legislative body
25 recognize June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
26 be it further

27 Resolved, That we encourage all citizens to support their
28 communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence
29 and to honor and value human lives.