
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 4, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 7, 2019, as "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania to honor and remember all victims and survivors
3 of gun violence and declare that the Commonwealth must remain
4 committed to reducing gun violence.

5 WHEREAS, Each 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 firearms than citizens in other high-income countries; and

9 WHEREAS, Promoting public safety in the communities they
10 serve is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who was tragically shot
12 and killed, would have celebrated her 22nd birthday on June 2,
13 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, To honor Hadiya and the 100 Americans whose lives
15 are cut short and the countless others who are wounded by gun
16 violence each day, June 7, 2019, has been designated as the
17 fifth annual "National Gun Violence Awareness Day"; and

18 WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's

1 friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by
2 wearing orange; and

3 WHEREAS, They chose to wear orange because hunters wear
4 orange to protect themselves and others; and

5 WHEREAS, Orange is a color that has been embraced by the gun
6 safety movement because it symbolizes the value of human life;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, By wearing orange and commemorating "National Gun
9 Violence Awareness Day" on June 7, 2019, Americans raise
10 awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human
11 potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

12 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth renew our
13 commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to
14 keep firearms out of the wrong hands and to encourage
15 responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June 7,
18 2019, "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and
19 encourage the residents of this Commonwealth to support their
20 communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun
21 violence and honor and value human lives.