

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Borough of New Milford to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to work together in an effort to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS every day 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

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

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

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, to help honor the 96 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day - a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June, this year June 7th, as the 4th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the color orange was chosen to represent this issue 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, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to "Wear Orange on June 7th, 2019, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7, 2019, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to work together 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, our law enforcement personnel and our citizens safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Michael Putrino of the Borough of New Milford, declare June 7, 2019, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day and encourage all citizens to support the efforts of their local communities to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Mayor Michael Putrino