

RESOLUTION NO. 180419

Declaring June 2, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, every day, 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and the lives of countless others are injured; and

WHEREAS, as of May 22, 2018, there have been 46 homicides in Kansas City involving some type of firearm; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's gun homicide rate is now the fifth highest in the nation, and 43 percent higher than the national average; and

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

WHEREAS, we must continue to collaborate to enact sensible gun control laws; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 2nd to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2nd, 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,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby encourage citizens to participate in Wear Orange Day and designate June 2, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Kansas City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to March for Our Lives KC in appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the action being taken to prevent gun violence in our City.



Authenticated as Passed



Sly James, Mayor



Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

MAY 24 2018

Date Passed