

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: each year National Gun Violence Awareness Day is commemorated on the first Friday of June, a date chosen in memory of Hadiya Pendleton who in 2013 was killed at the age of 15 while standing in a Chicago park; and

Whereas: this tragedy struck one week after Hadiya marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. On what would have been her 18th birthday, Hadiya's friends started the "Wear Orange" initiative in remembrance; and

Whereas: Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other developed countries, and guns are the leading cause of death among U.S. children and teens with one of 1 every 10 gun death victims age 19 or younger; and

Whereas: guns not properly stored have led to school shootings, deaths of family members including infants and young children, and suicides. We must do everything possible to encourage responsible gun ownership and keep firearms out of the wrong hands.

Now therefore be it resolved, I, Cory Mason, declare June 7, 2024, as

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

By wearing orange we can raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of people whose futures were stolen by gun violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall
this 4th day of June 2024.

Mayor