

2022 RES-057
RECOGNIZING JUNE 3, 2022, AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day is observed on the first Friday in June, and 2022 marks the 8th year observing National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 110 Americans are killed with guns every day and that 45,222 total firearm deaths occurred in 2020 in the United States, 13.7% more than traffic deaths that occurred in the United States that year; and

WHEREAS, according to recent research, the United States has more than four times the number of gun homicides per 100,000 residents than any other country in the world; and

WHEREAS, every year, 18,000 children and teens are shot and killed or wounded and approximately 3 million are exposed to gun violence; and

WHEREAS, according to independent research by Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, as of 2021, the State of Wisconsin has the 34th highest rate of gun violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, firearm violence is a public health issue because firearms lead to a large number of preventable deaths and injuries both in Dane County, Wisconsin, and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Madison & Dane County has begun working to implement programs and strategies to help reduce violence throughout Dane County; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Madison & Dane County is recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day by hosting a "Wear Orange Day" walk and rally on June 3rd in collaboration with community partners starting at The Villager parking lot (2300 S. Park Street) and ending at Penn Park (2101 Fisher St).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports Public Health Madison & Dane County in its efforts to reduce violence in local communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes June 3rd, 2022, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and encourages residents of Dane County to participate in "Wear Orange Day" on June 3rd.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2022.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk