

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, nearly 130 people in the United States are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000-gun homicides every year; and people in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has 1,400-gun deaths every year, with a rate of 18 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state \$15.9 billion each year. Arizona has the 17th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, Cities across the nation, including in Flagstaff are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes together with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 5, 2026, to recognize her 29th birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya and other victims of gun violence along with their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color 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, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim Friday, June 5th, 2026, as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

And encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic impacts of gun violence and to save lives.

Becky Daggett

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marcy Salzborg

CITY CLERK