



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 130 people in the United States are killed by gun violence every day, and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Florida has 3,172-gun deaths every year, with a rate of 13.6 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state \$40.3 billion each year, of which \$875.9 million is paid by taxpayers. Florida has the 34th highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

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

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

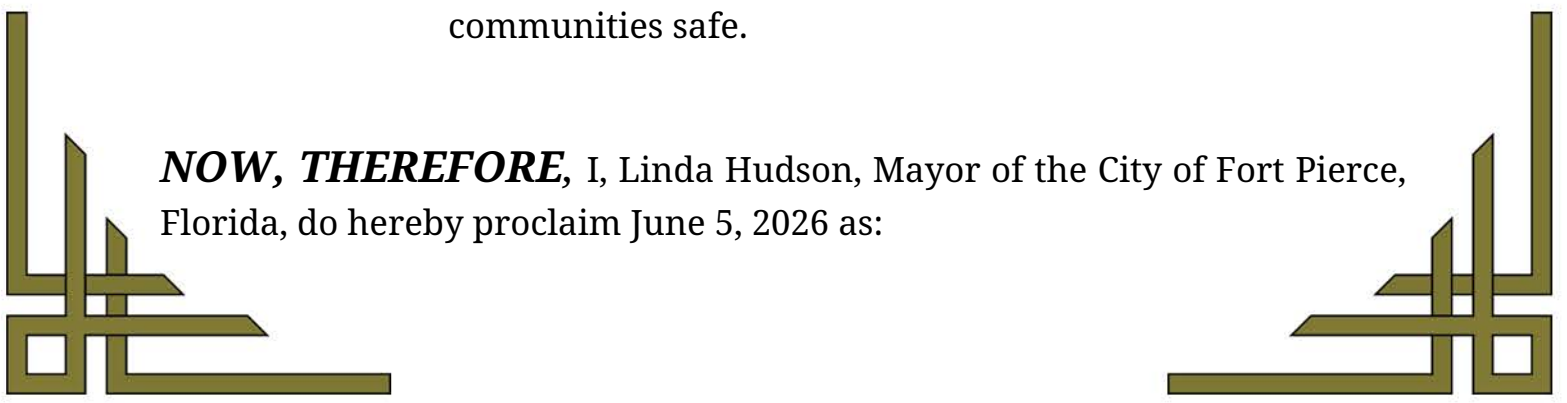
WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities across the country;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 5, 2026, to recognize the 29th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 5, 2026, people across the United States will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2026 as:





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National Gun Violence Awareness Day

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of June 2026.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

