

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-61

Declaring the First Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day

WHEREAS, every day, 125 people in the United States are killed by gun violence, and more than 260 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, people in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, California has 3,333 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 8.2 deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state \$41.9 billion each year, of which \$1.1 billion is paid by taxpayers. California has the 45th highest rate of gun deaths in the US, thanks to our strong gun laws; 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; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 6, 2025 to recognize the 28th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 6, 2025 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares June 6, 2025 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors