Resolution acknowledging June 4, 2021, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and to declare that as a country, it must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides each year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, California has 3,090 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 7.6 deaths per 100,000 people. California has the 45th highest rate of gun deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

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

WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Board of Supervisors’ highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories goes hand-in-hand with supporting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials know their communities best, are the most familiar with local public safety issues and how to address them, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and
WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the City of San Francisco saw a 63% increase in gun related incidents that resulted in two tragic deaths; and

WHEREAS, The trend has continued in 2021 with the San Francisco Police Department reporting that shootings are up 300% as compared to the same period last year; and

WHEREAS, In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4, 2021, to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will acknowledge National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and (2) the loved ones of those victims; 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, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 4th, the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, By wearing orange on Friday June 4, 2021, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; now, therefore be it,
RESOLVED, San Francisco renews the commitment to reduce gun violence and
pledge to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible
gun ownership to help keep children safe; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins in solidarity
and acknowledges the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, as National Gun Violence
Awareness Day and encourages all San Franciscans to support our efforts to prevent the
tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Supervisors Stefani; Walton, Haney, Mandelman, Safai

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May 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/25/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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