



**PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR
National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

***WHEREAS**, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and*

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

***WHEREAS**, communities across the nation, including Mission are working to end senseless gun violence; and*

***WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is local government's highest responsibility; and*

***WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and*

***WHEREAS**, National Gun Violence Awareness Day is an event held annually in honor of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was shot and killed in Chicago in 2013, and orange is the color that Hadiya's friends wore in her honor and is worn throughout the nation to raise awareness about gun violence; and*

***WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on the first Friday in June to help 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 wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Solana Flora, Mayor of the City of Mission, Kansas do hereby proclaim June 3, 2022 as*

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in the City of Mission and urge all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mission to be affixed at Mission, Kansas this 26th day of May 2022.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Solana Flora", is written over a horizontal line.

Solana Flora, Mayor