

2025 GPPSS PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Encl: 6.4.

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Grosse Pointe Public School District, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we must all do more to end this public health crisis.

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death among children in Michigan and the United States as a whole; and

WHEREAS, protecting student safety is a crucial responsibility for the district; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens can incorporate appropriate education and awareness of gun violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 6, 2025 to recognize the 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 -

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 6th, the first Friday in June in 2025, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grosse Pointe Public Schools School Board declares the first Friday in June, June 6, 2025, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We encourage the district to officially recognize this day. Each building administrator may choose to honor the day in the manner most appropriate for their student body.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that GPPSS provide safe storage information related to firearms, as directed by House Bills 5450 and 5451, within one month of its posting on the Michigan Department of Education website (no later than October 1, 2025).

Presented by Trustee Valarie St. John (and cosponsors)