



Office of the Mayor
Camden, New Jersey

Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, the City of Camden and "Everytown for Gun Safety" joins the nation in observing the 1st Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day will honor the lives of more than 30,000 Americans killed each year by guns, and the countless other lives that have been impacted. Hadiya Pendleton, was a 15-year-old high school student who marched in President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade and was then tragically shot and killed in Chicago, IL just a week later. June 2, 2015 would have marked Hadiya's 18th birthday; and

WHEREAS, "Everytown for Gun Safety" is a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities. The Wear Orange movement encourages all Americans to wear the color orange in hopes of attracting national attention to the cause of gun safety. The color was selected by a group of Hadiya's friends because hunters wear it to announce their presence to other hunters to protect themselves and others from unintentional shootings. The color orange has a long tradition of gun safety among gun owners, the same level of safety all Americans should enjoy; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, and brings citizens together from all backgrounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana L. Redd, Mayor of the City of Camden, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 2, 2015 as a National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dana L. Redd", is written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Dana L. Redd, Mayor

June 2, 2015