



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, every year over 36,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence, and 73,000 more are shot and wounded;

**WHEREAS**, by early February more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year;

**WHEREAS**, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether having witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or known and cared for someone wounded or killed;

**WHEREAS**, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings;

**WHEREAS**, 58 percent of American adults or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America;

**WHEREAS**, firearms are the second leading cause of death for children and teens and the first leading cause of death for black children and teens in America;

**WHEREAS**, Americans in cities across the nation are working to end this senseless violence by advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation;

**WHEREAS**, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivor Week during the first week of February, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; 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 communities safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA**, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2020 to February 8, 2020 as

### ***National Gun Violence Survivor Week***

in Appleton, and I encourage all citizens to support our community efforts in preventing the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.



Signed and sealed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

  
**TIMOTHY M. HANNA**  
**MAYOR OF APPLETON**

