

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, every day, hundreds of Americans are killed by gun violence with an average of nearly 13,000 gun-related homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25-times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, support for Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes together with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep citizens safe; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday; and

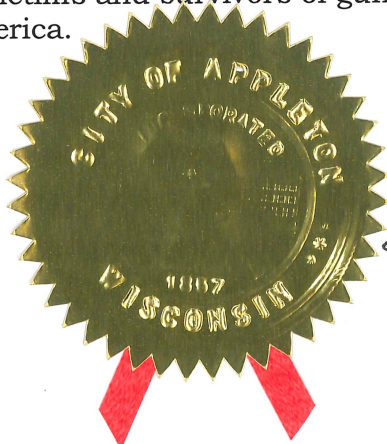
**WHEREAS**, to help honor Hadiya and all Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends who asked 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 the color that symbolizes the value of human life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2020 as

## **GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

in Appleton and ask all citizens to renew their commitment to reduce gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership, and pledge to Wear Orange on June 5<sup>th</sup> to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to raise awareness about gun violence in America.



Signed and sealed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

  
**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON