

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 2, 2023

WHEREAS, the first Friday in June is declared National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Fremont to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 17,000 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, in an average year, 3253 people die by guns in California, with a rate of eight deaths per 100,000 people, a crisis that costs the state \$41.9 billion each year, of which \$1.1 billion is paid by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, people across the United States will wear orange on June 2 to pay tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and all victims of 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 hands of people who should not have access to them, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, hereby declares, the first Friday in June 2023, **June 2**, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.