



# *Proclamation #16-107*

## **National Gun Violence Awareness Day June 2, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, every day 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and there are countless others injured; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Mayor's highest responsibility; and

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

**WHEREAS**, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 would have been the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just a few weeks later; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor Hadiya and all Americans whose lives are cut short by gun accidents and/or violence, and those who are survivors were injured by gun shots, June 2, 2016 was designated the second annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, they chose orange because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes human life; 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 to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that I, Robert F. Childs, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach hereby proclaim that Thursday, June 2, 2016 is **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY** in the Town of Surfside Beach.

**BE IT SO PROCLAIMED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

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The Hon. Robert F. Childs  
Mayor, Town of Surfside Beach

Attest: s/

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Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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