



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony #2

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

4.a. [20-182](#)

Motion from Councilor Tom Andersen to proclaim the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Attachments: [Draft Gun Violence Proclamation](#)

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From: SUSAN TANABE <malarkey5@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:26 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: in support of Wear Orange Day proclamation approval

Dear Salem Mayor Bennett and all members of the Salem City Council ,

Today I greet you as a native Salem resident (all but five years in Tokyo) and a proud lead for our local chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, part of Everytown for Gun Safety.

Each year, we set aside the first weekend of June to honor victims of gun violence, and survivors of gun violence who, in truth, are also victims. This weekend was chosen as it lands near the birthdate of Hadiya Pendleton. In 2013, 15-year-old Chicago resident Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed. Hadiya's family and friends chose orange to honor her, as it was her favorite color and reflects the idea of SAFETY from gun violence. To honor Hadiya and the many hundreds of Americans killed and wounded by gun violence each day, we gather to hear from local elected officials (thank you!), survivors, and volunteers.

2020 is our 6th Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day, aka **Wear Orange Day**. Our national leadership reminds us to honor all in America who are "shot and killed or wounded by gun violence, and survivors of gun violence... renew our commitment to ending gun violence in America ... taking action and taking part in Wear Orange. Normally we hold this event at the Riverfront Carousel. This year, of course, our plans are different.

All over this nation, all over Oregon, chapters will hold virtual events, wear Orange where they are, and make this virtual event a worthy one for all who mourn and heal. We are apart, however we will celebrate and honor together.

We hope Salem will join the many locations proclaiming our belief in a future with less gun violence.

in appreciation,
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