

**Amy Johnson**

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**From:** Faye Melius <meliusfa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:20 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** WOD Proclamation

With millions of Americans staying home in Salem and across the country, there are heightened concerns about emotional and economic stresses. With stress there is always a risk of increased unintentional shooting, domestic violence and suicides, and possibly city gun related violence. In the interest of public safety I urge you to support the Salem City Proclamation for firearm safety awareness that is on the agenda for Tuesday May 26th 2020.

Thank you Council Members

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**From:** Leanna <leanna.heiman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:20 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** In Support of "Wear Orange Proclamation" for June 5, 2020

Dear City Council Members,

I am a resident of Salem who moved here from out of state 5 years ago. My family and I love our city and our local community in South Salem, so I am writing to you to ask for your support of the Wear Orange Proclamation that's on the agenda for the upcoming City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Wear Orange Weekend is an opportunity for us to show the country that we honor the lives of those lost as a result of gun violence. National Gun Violence Awareness Day is the first Friday in June, which will be June 5 in 2020.

The facts are clear... every day, more than 100 Americans are killed with guns. Firearms are the second leading cause of death for American children and teens and access to a gun triple the risk of death by suicide. Groups like [Everytown for Gun Safety](#) and [Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America](#) continue to do life-saving work so that we can get closer to realizing a future free from gun violence. Orange is the color that [Hadiya Pendleton](#)'s friends wore in her honor when she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 — just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. After her death, they asked us to stand up, speak out, and Wear Orange to raise awareness about gun violence. Please join us in the movement to remember the victims and support survivors of gun violence by signing on to this proclamation.

Thank you for standing with the millions of Americans who are striving for safer communities that are free from gun violence!

Sincerely,  
Leanna Heiman

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**From:** Stephanie Hull <stephanie.hull@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 8:04 AM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Good afternoon council members,

I am writing to support the efforts to proclaim [Friday, June 5th 2020](#) as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the city of Salem, Oregon. I am an active member in the Salem chapter of **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America**. I am a teacher for Salem-Keizer Public Schools and a mom of a toddler. I am especially passionate about children who have lost their lives to gun violence. In fact, I was named after a family friend who was murdered by someone with a gun when she was only 19 years old. During National Gun Violence Awareness Day, I wear orange for her. Orange is the official color of National Gun Violence Awareness Day (which is also referred to as **Wear Orange Day**) because is the color hunters wear to signal to other hunters not to shoot them.

During the first weekend of June we remembervictims of gun violence and honor the survivors who carry on the fight to end gun violence in America. Please support the proposed proclamation Council-member Tom Anderson has added to the agenda for the [Tuesday, May 26th](#) meeting. And join us (virtually) in wearing orange.

Thank you,

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