FILE NO. 250553

[National Gun Violence Awareness Day - June 6, 2025]

Resolution recognizing June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and to reaffirm the City and County of San Francisco's commitment to a future free from gun violence.

WHEREAS, In 2023, nearly 47,000 Americans lost their lives to gun violence and over 115,000 more are shot and wounded, including through homicides, suicides, accidental shootings, and police-involved incidents; and

WHEREAS, Firearm-related injuries are now the leading cause of death for children and teenagers in the United States, surpassing car accidents, cancer, and all other causes; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed by a firearm than residents of other countries with similar GDP per capita, and this disproportionate toll falls especially hard on communities of color, young people, and those living in urban centers; and

WHEREAS, Access to a firearm in a situation of domestic violence increases the risk of homicide by 500%; and

WHEREAS, California has among the strongest gun safety laws in the country and consistently ranks among the states with the lowest rates of gun deaths; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, San Francisco recorded 35 homicides, the lowest number since the 1960s, reflecting the city's sustained commitment to public safety, violence prevention, and community-based intervention strategies; and

WHEREAS, In addition to enforcement, the City recognizes that preventing gun violence requires a holistic strategy that addresses trauma, expands access to mental health care, builds trust between public institutions and communities, and removes firearms from

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dangerous situations through tools such as red flag laws and responsible storage practices; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 4.6 million children in the United States live in homes with guns that are both loaded and accessible, underscoring the critical importance of secure firearm storage to prevent unintentional shootings and unauthorized access; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day was inspired by the tragic death of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was shot and killed shortly after performing at President Obama's second inaugural parade in 2013; and

WHEREAS, On the first Friday in June, people across the country wear orange, the color hunters wear to protect themselves and others, to raise awareness and signal that every life lost to gun violence is one too many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and joins individuals and communities across the nation in honoring the lives of those affected by gun violence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors affirms its ongoing commitment to public safety and a comprehensive strategy to prevent gun violence, grounded in both accountability and care; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages all San Franciscans to wear orange on June 6 and take action in support of gun violence prevention, including advocating for stronger gun laws, supporting survivors, and investing in community-driven solutions that promote healing, hope, and safety.

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June 03, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/3/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Daniel Lurie Mayor 06/13/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board 06/13/2025

Date