

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** gun violence presents an ongoing threat across the nation, and protecting public safety in Seattle is my greatest responsibility as Mayor; and
- WHEREAS,** every day, on average, the lives of 91 Americans are cut short by gun violence, leaving behind countless survivors whose lives are forever altered, impacting each of us in Seattle and around the country; and
- WHEREAS,** Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year old student who marched in President Obama's inaugural parade in 2012, was tragically shot and killed in Chicago, Illinois a week later; and
- WHEREAS,** in celebration of what would have been Hadiya Pendleton's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, a national coalition of organizations, activists, and community members have joined together to designate June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 as the second annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS,** as one of the first cities in the nation to provide direct funding for gun violence research and prevention, Seattle stands in solidarity with everyone across the nation who supports common-sense gun reforms to reduce the devastating impacts guns have on our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** on this day, I encourage all of Seattle's residents to wear orange in honor of Hadiya Pendleton, and to help advocate for a safe and vibrant community where every person can live a life free from gun violence;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY  
PROCLAIM JUNE 2, 2016 TO BE, IN OUR CITY*

## **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**



Mayor Edward B. Murray  
City of Seattle

