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 19th birthday, a national coalition of organizations, activists, and community members have joined together to designate June 2nd, 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