

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

25-237

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 11, 2024

To recognize the month of June 2024 as “Gun Violence Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager from Chicago who marched in the presidential inaugural parade in January 2013 and was tragically shot and killed weeks later, should be celebrating her 27th birthday this year;

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and to raise awareness of the epidemic of gun violence in the United States, a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and the month of June as Gun Violence Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, there are an average of nearly 60 gun homicides across the country each day, and nearly 100 Americans are harmed by guns every day;

WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia in 2023, 235 people were killed by gunfire and 749 more were injured;

WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia in 2023, 16 children were killed by gunfire and 93 more were injured;

WHEREAS, gun violence is a disease and public health crisis and “prevention” means the absence of that disease; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia encourages all District residents to look for ways to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and honor and value precious human life.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Gun Violence Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of 2024.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares the month of June 2024 as “Gun Violence Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.