

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023**  
**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, more than 110 Americans are killed daily by gun violence, with more than 230 others being shot and wounded each day; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, South Carolina experienced 1,131 gun deaths (119 more than in 2019, a rate of about 20 deaths per 100,000 people, for the ninth highest rate of gun deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, So far in 2023, the United States has experienced more than 200 mass shootings, illustrating the growing problem of gun violence nationwide; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day honors the memory of Hadiya Pendleton, tragically killed January 2013 at age 15, and whose classmates chose the color orange to symbolize the value of human life, hence the wearing of orange June 2-4, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Myrtle Beach City Council hereby designates June 2, 2023, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and urges citizens to speak with their children and others about gun violence and take the safety precautions and steps necessary to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence in our communities.

*Signed and sealed this 23th day of May 2023.*



*Brenda Bethune*

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

*Jennifer Adkins*

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK