

WHEREAS, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, more than 200 are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has 507 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 24.2 deaths per 100,000 people, the third highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

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

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever, as we see an increase in firearm homicides, and nonfatal shootings across the country, increased calls to domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, people across the United States recognize the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange to recognize the 27th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a Chicago girl who was tragically shot and killed at age 15, and in tribute to all victims of gun violence and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, as a community we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, 1, ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024, AS

"Gun Violence Awareness Day"

Promulgada en el ayuntamiento, el séptimo día de junio, del año 2024 Done at City Hall, this 1st day of June 2024

Witness my hand:

Alcalde/Mayor

