

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 7, 2019
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, every day, 100+ Americans are killed by gun violence; on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, a municipality's highest responsibility in the community they serve is preserving and promoting public safety; 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, elected officials and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later in January 2013, and to help honor the 100+ Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 7, 2019, the first Friday in June, as the 5th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

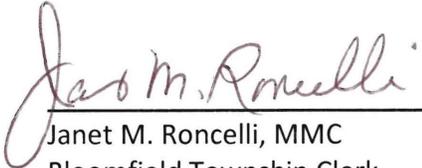
WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by Hadiya's friends, who asked classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, a color hunters wear to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods; orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the Bloomfield Township Police Department, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees pledges to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our citizens safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees declares Friday, June 7, 2019, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Dated this 28th day of May 2019.




Janet M. Roncelli, MMC
Bloomfield Township Clerk