

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every day, approximately 100 Americans are killed
2 and countless others are injured by gun violence; and

3 WHEREAS, Statistics show that nearly 40,000 people died from
4 firearm injuries in the United States in 2017 alone; moreover, the
5 gun homicide rate in this country is 25 times that of other
6 developed nations; and

7 WHEREAS, One tragic example of the devastating consequences
8 of gun violence is found in the death of Hadiya Pendleton; a
9 teenager from Chicago, she was tragically shot and killed in
10 January 2013, just a week after marching in President Barack
11 Obama's second inauguration parade; to honor Hadiya, and the many
12 others who are killed or wounded by gun violence every day, June 7,
13 2019, is being observed as the fifth annual National Gun Violence
14 Awareness Day; and

15 WHEREAS, The idea for the annual event was inspired by a group
16 of Hadiya's friends, who asked classmates to commemorate her life
17 by wearing orange; the color was chosen because of its use by
18 hunters to protect themselves from accidental shootings, and it has
19 since been embraced by the gun safety movement as a symbol for the
20 value of human life; and

21 WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 7, Americans can show
22 their support for National Gun Violence Awareness Day and
23 demonstrate their commitment to building a safer future for all;
24 now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence
3 Awareness Day.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1796 was adopted by the House on May 22, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House