

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-197

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Walters, Mr. Dickinson

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5 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution declaring June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the**  
8 **County of Summit to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and**  
9 **encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment by wearing**  
10 **orange on that day, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are  
13 nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

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15 WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in  
16 other developed countries; and

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18 WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is an elected  
19 officials' highest responsibility; and

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

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24 WHEREAS, elected leaders and law enforcement officers know their communities best,  
25 are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to  
26 understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

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28 WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President  
29 Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be  
30 now celebrating her 21st birthday; and

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32 WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and the 96 Americans whose lives are cut short and  
33 the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of  
34 organizations has designated June 7th, 2019, the first Friday in June, as the 5th National Gun  
35 Violence Awareness Day; and

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37 WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their  
38 classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters  
39 wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a  
40 color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

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42 WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 7th, the  
43 first Friday in June in 2019, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

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45 WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7, 2019 Americans will raise awareness about  
46 gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

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48 WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we  
49 can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help  
50 keep our children safe.

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
5 of Ohio, that:

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7 SECTION 1

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9 The day of June 7, 2019 is hereby declared National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the  
10 County of Summit to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and  
11 encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment by wearing orange  
12 on that day.

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14 SECTION 2

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16 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
17 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately  
18 declaring June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit County.

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20 SECTION 3

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22 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
23 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
24 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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26 SECTION 4

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28 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
29 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
30 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
31 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
32 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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35 INTRODUCED May 13, 2019

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41 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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