



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The safety of all Minnesotans is a top priority of the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: We must do everything we can to promote gun safety and reduce gun violence on our streets and in our communities; and
- WHEREAS: 30,000 Americans across our country are killed every year as a result of gun violence, destroying families and communities in big cities and small towns; and
- WHEREAS: Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and
- WHEREAS: On July 23, 2016, Taylor Hayden, a 25-year-old from Wayzata, Minnesota, was tragically murdered on weekend trip to Atlanta, innocently caught in the crossfire of gunshots; and
- WHEREAS: June 2, 2017, would have been the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15 year-old Chicago teen who was killed a week after she walked in President Obama's second presidential inaugural parade in Washington D.C.; and
- WHEREAS: Pendleton's death sparked a movement to honor the teen by wearing orange, the color that symbolizes the value of human life; and
- WHEREAS: Skylines and buildings nationwide will turn orange on June 1, the start of Gun Violence Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS: June 2, 2017, is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and together, we honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 2, 2017, as:

## GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



*Steve Pimon*

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February.

*Mark Dayton*  
GOVERNOR