



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
COUNTY OF COMAL       §  
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS   §

**WHEREAS**, the first Friday of June is recognized as National Gun Violence Awareness Day to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and declare that we must do more to reduce gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, every day 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year, making Americans 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade, was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

**WHEREAS**, a group of Hadiya’s friends asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, choosing this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, to symbolize the value of human life and to honor Hadiya and all those whose lives are cut short; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Friday in June this year, to help raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL**, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby proclaim the first Friday in June 2019 to be

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and I encourage all citizens to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor