

WHEREAS; every year, nearly 39,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence, and nearly 85,000 more are shot and wounded; and

WHEREAS; by early February of any given year, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year; and

WHEREAS; gun violence has widespread implications for victims, survivors, and their communities, and includes, but is not limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a firearm, officer involved shootings, and unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS; gun violence survivors include anyone who has experienced gun violence, whether through witnessing an act of gun violence, being personally threatened or wounded with a gun, or knowing someone who has been wounded or killed; and

WHEREAS; 58 percent of American adults, including 68 percent of Black and Latino Americans, have either personally experienced or had a loved one experience gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach that gun violence has in communities across our country; and

WHEREAS; firearms are one of the leading causes of death among children and teens in our country, and tireless advocates throughout the United States are working to end this tragic and senseless violence through commonsense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS; in fact, more than 80 percent of Wisconsinites, including a majority of gun owners in our state, support the implementation of commonsense measures like universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders to keep our kids, our communities, and our state safe; and

WHEREAS; we renew our commitment to reducing gun violence and pledge to do all we can to implement commonsense, lifesaving measures to prevent individuals from doing harm to themselves or others, and to encourage responsible gun ownership; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in raising awareness about gun violence, honoring and remembering victims and survivors, and uplifting the resilient voices of survivors across our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 1 through 7, 2021, as

GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVOR WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State