STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; Americans around the country wear orange on June 7th in remembrance of fifteen-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot and killed on January 29, 2013, less than a mile from President Obama's home in Chicago, just a week after her school band played in Washington D.C. for inaugural festivities; and

WHEREAS; everyday, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and thousands more lose loved ones, friends, and family across the country, while others live in constant fear of experiencing or witnessing gun violence; and

WHEREAS; the United States' gun violence rate is ten times higher than other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS; protecting public safety in communities across the state requires acknowledging the pervasiveness of gun violence in the United States, collaborating with affected individuals, groups, and stakeholders to scrutinize further ways to reduce gun violence, and taking meaningful, bipartisan action; and

WHEREAS; by wearing orange and commemorating National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 7th, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2019 as

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 3rd day of June 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State