

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, everyone in America deserves to feel safe during everyday activities; and
- WHEREAS, children deserve to feel safe at school so they can learn and grow; and
- WHEREAS, once again people doing a normal activity, grocery shopping, were terrorized and killed by gunfire in Buffalo, New York; and
- WHEREAS, once again, children were killed, injured, and traumatized by gunfire while attending school, this time in Uvalde, Texas; and
- WHEREAS, sadly, mass shootings have become all too familiar in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, gun violence raises the likelihood of fatalities in instances of domestic abuse and suicide attempts; places children at increased risk of physical harm; disproportionately affects communities of color; and impacts every segment of American society; and
- WHEREAS, protecting public safety is local government’s highest responsibility; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church supports state and national efforts to strengthen gun safety laws; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church calls on the General Assembly and the Governor to prioritize the safety of all Virginians and preserve and enhance the authority of localities to implement gun safety laws in their own communities; and
- WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside time to honor those whose lives are cut short each year by gun violence and the countless survivors whose lives are forever altered, as well as to reflect on actions individuals and government can take to stop gun violence; and
- WHEREAS, a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day;

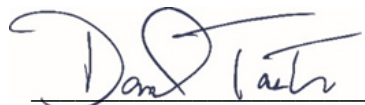
NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2022 as

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Falls Church and urge all to wear orange on June 3, 2022 to help raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, to be affixed this 1st day of June, 2022.





David Tarter, Mayor