



CITY COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 4th – 6th is Wear Orange Weekend signifying the beginning of National Gun Violence Awareness Month, people across the city, state and country will wear orange. It is a simple but powerful action; and,

WHEREAS, orange is the color hunters use to protect themselves and others from harm. The color is bright and demands attention. It is the color that a group of people in Chicago chose to honor a friend who was killed by gunfire at the age of 15. They performed a simple act that has become a national movement to honor the victims of gun violence; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the month, our social networks, our landmarks, and our communities will light up orange, representing a bright future free from gun violence. Orange expresses our hope as a city and country that our places of worship, our schools, our movie theaters, and our communities will be free from gun violence. and,

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Police Department has implemented a Firearm Violence Reduction Strategy to reduce firearm-related crime in Raleigh. Many violent crimes and suicides involve the use of a firearm. The Department is taking steps to reduce these numbers through training and education, partnering and engaging with the community, and utilizing intelligence-led policing; and,

WHEREAS, gun violence awareness is highlighted in June but must be communicated daily. We can all work to end gun violence so that Raleigh remains a safe, vibrant, and healthy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Janet Cowell, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 4th-June 6th, 2025 and the month of June 2025 as

WEAR ORANGE DAY

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GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 1st day of June 2025.

Janet Cowell
Mayor