

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day, more than 120 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot or wounded; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks 23rd amongst states for gun deaths in the United States with an average of 1,636 deaths every year with 54% of gun-related deaths by suicide; 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, together with our neighbors in Orange County, Carrboro, and Hillsborough, the Town of Chapel Hill supports efforts to enact commonsense gun safety laws and educate the community on gun safety; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on Friday, June 7th to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 7th, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; 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, we the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council hereby proclaim June 7th, 2024 as

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY- FOUR.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jenni A. Clark", is written over a horizontal line.