



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing June as Wear Orange  
/Gun Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, orange is bright and demands attention. It is the color hunters use to protect themselves and others from harm. Orange is the color that a group of people in Chicago chose to honor Hadiya Pendleton 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**, June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. People across the county, state, and country wear orange to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and to show solidarity in the goal to reduce gun violence in their community and across the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, more than 40,000 people died in the United States from gun related injuries. Between 2010 and 2020, gun-related deaths rose by roughly 43%. Firearm violence is a preventable public health tragedy affecting communities across the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, in November 2022, Wake County leaders voted to improve safeguards for the public by updating the Wake County firearms ordinance. Thus, demonstrating dedication to ensuring a safe community for Wake County citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, gun violence awareness is highlighted in June but must be communicated daily. Everyone can work to end gun violence so that Wake County remains a safe place to live, work and play.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 Wear Orange/Gun Violence Awareness Month and commend its observance to all citizens.

**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2024.

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Shinica Thomas, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners