

## **ALISO NIGUEL DEMOCRATIC CLUB RESOLUTION No. 21-01**

This resolution expresses support for the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club's recognition of June 4, 2021, as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**.

**WHEREAS**, 43,000 Americans died in 2020 of fatal firearm shootings (23,000 by suicide), more than 80,000 were wounded, approximately 13,000 gun homicides were committed, 1,000 by police; and

**WHEREAS**, on an average day, 8 children or teens are fatally shot due to unsafe storage or use of a gun in their home; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence in America can be reduced while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated gun violence, during the pandemic gun sales have dramatically increased, community-based organizations have curtailed outreach programs, and there has been an all-time record of domestic violence hot line calls; and

**WHEREAS**, all Americans are paying an enormous economic cost as well as an unmeasurable cost of trauma and loss due to gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Hadiya Pendleton, a 15 year old teenager, who marched in the presidential inaugural parade in 2013 was shot and killed just weeks later, inspiring Gun Violence Awareness Day and the wearing of orange, her favorite color; and

**WHEREAS**, orange is also the color hunters use to mark themselves as NOT TARGETS in the woods and is the color symbolizing the value of human life.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club recognizes the designation of June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**, urges members to wear orange to promote the greater awareness of gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership and honor past victims.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club reaffirms its commitment supporting quality candidates that reflect Democratic values, thereby promoting opportunities to reduce gun violence and enhancing our national safety and pride.

Submitted By: Laurie Williams-Horton

Adopted by the membership May 17, 2021