

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.57

Senators McMorrow, Bayer, Polehanki, Hollier, Wojno, Moss, McCann, Irwin, Chang and Brinks offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate June 2021 as Gun Violence
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, The effects of gun violence in the United States is
4 pervasive and all-encompassing on every community; and

5 Whereas, Since 1968, more individuals have died from guns in
6 the United States than have died in the battlefields of all the
7 wars in United States' history; and

8 Whereas, In 2021, nearly 14,000 Americans have already lost
9 their lives to gun violence, including over 100 children under the
10 age of 11; and

11 Whereas, June 2, 2021 would have marked the 24th birthday of

1 Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's
2 second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just
3 weeks later; and

4 Whereas, Following Hadiya's death, her friends and classmates
5 organized the "Wear Orange" movement to honor her life and all
6 those whose lives have been impacted by gun violence. Today, orange
7 is nationally recognized as the defining color of the gun violence
8 prevention movement; and

9 Whereas, By wearing orange and commemorating National Gun
10 Violence Awareness Month, Americans will raise awareness about gun
11 violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans
12 stolen by gun violence; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That member of this legislative body
14 commemorate June 2021 as Gun Violence Awareness Month; and be it
15 further

16 Resolved, That we encourage all citizens to support their
17 communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence
18 and to honor and value human life.