

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Senators McMorrow, Bayer, Cavanagh, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, Hertel, McCann, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, Shink and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate June 2025 as Gun Violence
2 Awareness Month.

3 Whereas, We honor and remember all victims and survivors of
4 gun violence, especially those affected by the tragedies at
5 Michigan State University, as well as Oxford High School; and

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

8 Whereas, Since 1968, more individuals have died from guns in
9 the United States than have died in the battlefields of all the
10 wars in United States' history; and

11 Whereas, In 2025, over 15,000 Americans have already lost
12 their lives to gun violence, including nearly 100 children under

1 the age of 11; and

2 Whereas, June 2, 2025, will mark the 28th birthday of Hadiya
3 Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second
4 inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just three
5 weeks later; and

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

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

15 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
16 body commemorate June 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Month; and be
17 it further

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