

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Senators McMorrow, Bayer, Wojno, Klinefelt, Irwin, Chang, Cavanagh, Geiss, Brinks, Camilleri, Cherry, Hertel, McCann, McDonald Rivet, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, Shink and Singh offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate June 2023 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

1 wars in United States' history; and

2 Whereas, In 2023, over 16,000 Americans have already lost
3 their lives to gun violence, including over 100 children under the
4 age of 11; and

5 Whereas, June 2, 2023, will mark the 26th birthday of Hadiya
6 Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second
7 inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just three
8 weeks later; and

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

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

18 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
19 body commemorate June 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Month; and be
20 it further

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