

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, every day, 93 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 200 have sustained non-fatal firearm injuries over the last 5 years; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

WHEREAS, to help honor the lives cut short and the countless survivors injured by shootings every day; a national coalition of organizations designated June 2, 2017, as the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2017, would have been the 20th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

WHEREAS, wearing orange on June 2nd was an idea inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; chosen because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters and it is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

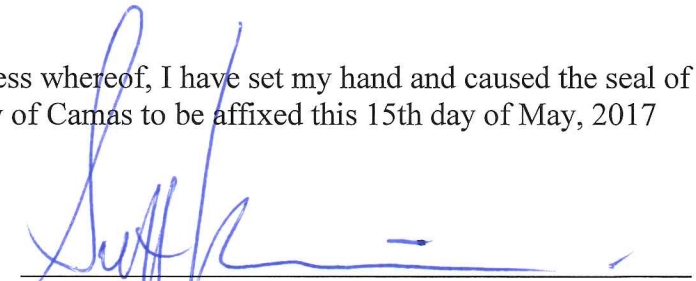
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Higgins, Mayor of Camas, do hereby proclaim **June 2, 2017**, as

"Gun Violence Awareness Day"

in Camas, Washington and encourage all citizens to support the efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2017



Scott Higgins, Mayor