

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR CARTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates June 1, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To declare June 1, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

3 WHEREAS, this Resolution declares June 1, 2018, to be National Gun Violence
4 Awareness Day in the state of Louisiana to honor and remember all victims and survivors
5 of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

6 WHEREAS, every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and countless others
7 are injured; and

8 WHEREAS, Americans are more than 25 times more likely to be murdered with
9 guns than people in other developed countries; and

10 WHEREAS, among legislators' highest responsibilities is protecting public safety in
11 the communities in which they serve; and

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

14 WHEREAS, June 2, 2018, would have been the 21st birthday of Hadiya Pendleton,
15 a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and was tragically
16 shot and killed just weeks later; and

17 WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and the 96 Americans whose lives are cut short
18 daily as well as the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national

1 coalition of organizations has designated June 1, 2018, as the fourth annual National Gun
2 Violence Awareness Day; and

3 WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends who asked their
4 classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because
5 hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and
6 orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

7 WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June first
8 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

9 WHEREAS, by celebrating Wear Orange Weekend from June 1-3 and wearing
10 orange on June first, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives
11 and lost human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

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

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby declare June 1, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Louisiana citizens are encouraged to support
18 their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and
19 value human lives.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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