

Town of Sharon

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year. Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, communities across the nation, including Sharon, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions. Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a Select Board member's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board, Town Administrator, and public safety officials are familiar with local criminal activity and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic facing America has drastically impacted communities and individuals sheltering in place which may result in situations where access to firearms results in increased risk in intimate partner violence, gun deaths, suicide by gun, and unintentional shootings;

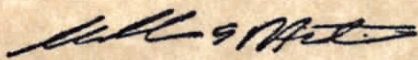
WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 4, 2021 to help raise awareness about gun violence, honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors, and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Select Board of the Town of Sharon declares Friday, June 4, 2021 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. They encourage all citizens to support efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

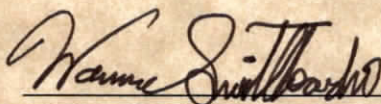
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