



**2025 Town Proclamation
Declaring June 6, 2025 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

Whereas, every day, more than 125 people are killed by gun violence and more than 260 are wounded by gun violence, with gun homicides disproportionately affecting communities in major cities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado experiences nearly 1,000 gun-related deaths annually, costing the state an estimated \$11.7 billion each year, of which \$156.1 million is paid by taxpayers, and giving Colorado the 21st highest rate of gun deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, elected officials, local leaders, and law enforcement officers have a critical role in advancing evidence-based solutions to prevent gun violence and protect public safety, while supporting the constitutional rights of responsible gun owners; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day was inspired by the life of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old who was tragically killed by gun violence, and whose friends chose the color orange, a color that symbolizes the value of human life, to honor her and raise awareness; and

WHEREAS, individuals across the country wear orange on the first Friday in June to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and show their commitment to reducing firearm-related harm; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Erie joins cities nationwide in renewing its commitment to community safety, responsible gun ownership, and honoring all those whose lives have been impacted by gun violence.

Now, Therefore, I Andrew J. Moore, Mayor of the Town of Erie, declare June 6, 2025, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2025

Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk