



PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF DECLARING FRIDAY JUNE 3, 2022 TO BE LOCAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

This proclamation recognizes that Friday June 3, 2022 will be proclaimed Local Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Chincoteague to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a community, we must do more to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the community we serve is the public official's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people that shouldn't have them; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of legal gun owners abhor gun violence and love and respect the peace and liberty that this Country stands for, and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2022, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to victims of gun violence; and the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, The color orange symbolizes the value of all human life; and


WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 3rd, 2022 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 3rd, 2022, citizens will raise awareness about gun violence, the value of human life and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; 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 the Town of Chincoteague declares June 3, 2022, to be Local Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value of all human life.

Signed: _____


John Arthur Leonard, Mayor

Attested: _____

Michael T. Tolbert, Town Manager