



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, gun violence takes lives, harms families, and leaves lasting impacts on communities across the United States, with nearly 130 people killed and more than 200 people shot and wounded daily; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed, prompting her friends to ask classmates to wear orange in her honor, choosing the color hunters wear to signal safety and visibility; and

WHEREAS, the Wear Orange campaign formally began on June 2, 2015, which would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday, and has since grown into a national movement observed each year on the first Friday in June; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is committed to protecting public safety in every neighborhood we serve, including through emergency response, law enforcement, community partnerships, violence prevention efforts, and support for those impacted by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, support for Second Amendment rights goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City joins cities across the country in recognizing the 12th National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also known as Wear Orange Day, to raise awareness, honor victims and survivors of gun violence, and reaffirm our commitment to safer communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2026, as:

Gun Violence Awareness Day in Salt Lake City

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Mendenhall".

Erin Mendenhall
Mayor