

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

Reps. Wittenberg, Elder, Manoogian, Brixie, Pagan, Kuppa, Gay-Dagnogo, Hoadley, Hammoud, Lasinski, Chirkun, Bolden, Warren, Rabhi, Hertel, Sowerby, Liberati, Ellison, Hope, Clemente, Koleszar, Kennedy, Stone, Tate, Hood, Guerra, Cynthia Johnson, Pohutsky, Anthony, Yancey, Greig and Garrett offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence  
4 and countless others are wounded; and

5           Whereas, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with  
6 guns than people in other high-income countries; and

7           Whereas, Protecting public safety in the communities they  
8 serve is among a governor's highest responsibilities; and

9           Whereas, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-



1 abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from  
2 people that shouldn't have them; and

3       Whereas, June 2019 would have marked the 22nd birthday of  
4 Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's  
5 second inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just  
6 weeks later; and

7       Whereas, To help honor Hadiya, and the 100 Americans whose  
8 lives are cut short and the countless others who are wounded by gun  
9 violence every day, June 7, 2019, has been designated as the 5th  
10 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

11       Whereas, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends,  
12 who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing  
13 orange. They chose this color because hunters wear orange to  
14 protect themselves and others and orange is a color that has been  
15 embraced by the gun safety movement because it symbolizes the value  
16 of human life; and

17       Whereas, By wearing orange and commemorating National Gun  
18 Violence Awareness Day on June 7, Americans will raise awareness  
19 about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of  
20 Americans stolen by gun violence; and

21       Whereas, We renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and  
22 pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands,  
23 and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children  
24 safe; now, therefore, be it

25       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
26 this legislative body declare June 7, 2019, as National Gun  
27 Violence Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.