

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, there were nearly 20,000 gun-related homicides, over 20,000 suicides with a gun, and nearly 300 children killed by gun violence last year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income, industrialized countries; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence from gang shootings, intimate partner violence, impulsive suicide and accidental shootings happen daily across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on a daily average, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 230 are shot and wounded; and

**WHEREAS**, although the State of Hawai'i has stricter gun control than most other states, Hawai'i still averages a rate of 3.8 gun-related deaths per 100,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence affects victims, families and our economy, amounting to \$229 billion in lost income, employer costs, health care and police and criminal justice expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of gun violence often experience post-traumatic stress disorder including drug and alcohol abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention policies and responsible gun ownership both help to keep our communities, our 'ohana and our keiki safer; and

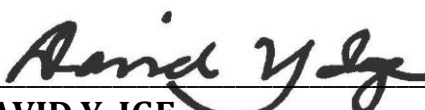
**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with National Gun Violence Awareness Month in June, #WearOrangeDay on June 4 serves as a reminder that no one is immune to gun violence and every human life is valuable;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021 as

## **“NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in remembering all victims and survivors of gun violence and show support for community efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of June 2021.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i