

# Resolution

ORDER NO. 2025-0606

DATE: June 3, 2025

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

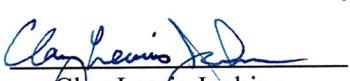


**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 3rd day of June 2025, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

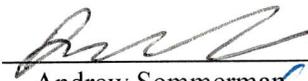
- WHEREAS**, Every day, 125 people in the United States are killed by gun violence and more than 260 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year. People in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun violence than people in other high-income countries; and
- WHEREAS**, In Texas on average 4,122 people die and 7,726 people are injured each year by gunshot wounds. Texas has the 28<sup>th</sup>-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,769 per resident each year. Gun shot wounds resulting in deaths and injuries cost Texas \$51.3 billion each year, of which \$1.1 billion is paid by taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS**, Cities and counties across the nation, including Dallas County are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions. Protecting public safety in our communities is our highest responsibility; and
- WHEREAS**, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others; and
- WHEREAS**, Our county leadership and law enforcement officers – in partnership with local violence intervention activists and resources – know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and
- WHEREAS**, Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities across the country; and
- WHEREAS**, In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 6, 2025 to recognize the 28<sup>th</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to –
- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
  - (2) The loved ones of those victims; and
- WHEREAS**, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya’s friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and
- WHEREAS**, Anyone can join this campaign and wear orange on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the first Friday in June 2025, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and
- WHEREAS**, By wearing orange on June 6, 2025 people across the United States will raise awareness about gun violence 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 hands of people who should not have access to them and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court declares the first Friday in June, June 6, 2025, be declared National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Dallas County. 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.

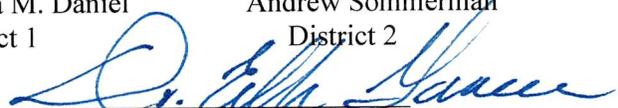
**DONE IN OPEN COURT** this the 3rd day of June 2025.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel  
District 1

  
Andrew Sommerman  
District 2

  
John Wiley Price  
District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia  
District 4