



# Proclamation

## DECLARING JUNE 2018 TO BE GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

This Proclamation declares June 2018 to be Gun Violence Awareness Month in Vernon Township to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, every day, 96 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are nearly 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with guns than people in other developed countries; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a local government official's highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, local officials and law enforcement officers 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**, to help honor the 96 Americans whose lives are cut short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, as the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the national coalition encourages people to WEAR ORANGE, the color used by hunters for safety, which also symbolize the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives and lost human potential of Americans taken by gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernon Township is proactively taking steps to protect our community by providing all counselors and lifeguards training on how to enhance safety during an active shooter scenario; and

**WHEREAS**, every person who donates to the Vernon Township Food Pantry during June 2018 will be given an orange ribbon to help spread awareness of the tragedy of gun violence.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Daniel Didech, Supervisor of Vernon Township, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as **GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH** in Vernon Township.

Proclaimed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018

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Daniel Didech, Township Supervisor