

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 26-0766 A Proclamation Recognizing Gun Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS gun violence remains a significant public health and community safety issue impacting individuals, families, and neighborhoods across the United States; and

WHEREAS thousands of lives are lost or forever changed each year due to firearm-related incidents, including homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS communities, public health professionals, educators, faith leaders, medical providers, first responders, law enforcement officers and advocates work every day to prevent violence, support survivors, and promote evidence-informed strategies that reduce harm; and

WHEREAS Gun Violence Awareness Month serves as a time to elevate education, prevention, and resources that help reduce the risk of firearm-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS this month also honors survivors, families, and communities affected by gun violence and recognizes their resilience, strength, and ongoing efforts to foster safer environments for all; and

WHEREAS the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment, the Denver Department of Safety, and the Denver Office of Social Equity & Innovation are partnering in a coordinated strategic effort to prevent gun violence in Denver; and

WHEREAS Denver's strategy is designed to recognize, strengthen, and align the many gun violence prevention efforts already underway across Denver's city agencies and community organizations, ensuring a unified and community-informed approach to reducing harm; and

WHEREAS promoting secure firearm storage is a critical measure to prevent unintentional injuries, suicide, and interpersonal violence; and

WHEREAS advancing suicide prevention is a core component of Denver's gun violence prevention work, with the goal of understanding the burden of suicide in Denver, identifying disparities, and determining the most effective and equitable roles for a public health department in supporting prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS the City of Denver is committed to working alongside community organizations and residents to prevent gun violence, reduce harm, and build a safer, more equitable Denver for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY Denver City Council:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council proclaims the month of June 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Month in the City and County of Denver, and encourages residents, organizations, and partners to engage in activities that promote safety, support survivors, and contribute to violence prevention efforts.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment, the Denver Department of Safety, and the Denver Office of Social Equity & Innovation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL JUNE 1, 2026

PRESIDENT

