

**2021 PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Township of Morris 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, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

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

WHEREAS, protecting public safety of Morris Township is the Township Committee's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous and/or abusive histories, or mental instability, or have publicly threatened violence; and

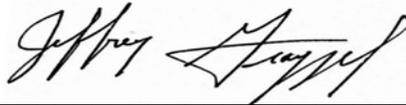
WHEREAS, governing bodies and law enforcement officers know their communities best and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in gun violence;

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, Americans across the country 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 wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Morris declares the first Friday in June (June 4, 2021) to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day and encourages all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value lives.



Jeffrey Grayzel, Mayor



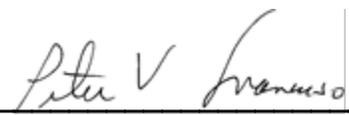
Mark J. Gyorfy, Deputy Mayor



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Township Committee Member*



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Township Committee Member*



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Township Committee Member*