

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**  
**JUNE 6, 2025**

- WHEREAS,** *People in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Protecting public safety in the communities they serve is among a state lawmaker's highest responsibilities; 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,** *Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities across the country; and*
- WHEREAS,** *National Gun Violence Awareness Day was inspired by Hadiya Pendleton, who was tragically shot and killed, and honors her life and the many other victims and survivors of gun violence; 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,** *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.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JUNE 6, 2025 as NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June  
Two Thousand and twenty-five

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*  
Lt. Governor  
*Susan C. Lee*  
Secretary of State