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RESOLUTION NO. 208-15

[Recognizing and Supporting the First Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day - June 2, 2015]

Resolution recognizing and supporting the First Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2, 2015, to bring attention to the 88 Americans stolen by gun violence every day, and encouraging San Franciscans to wear orange to bring awareness to this epidemic.

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a majorette and high school student from the south side of Chicago, marched in President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade; and

WHEREAS, One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed a mile from the Obama's Hyde Park home in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's childhood friends, asked their classmates to commemorate Hadiya's life – and the lives of hundreds claimed by Chicago's gun violence every year – by wearing orange, because hunters wear the color orange to warn other hunters not to shoot; and

WHEREAS, By wearing orange, they said "we are showing others that we are human and wish not to be gunned down; and

WHEREAS, On June 2nd, on what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday, in coordination with the Pendleton family, Everytown for Gun Safety – a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities – will ask people nationwide to honor her life, her friends' call to action and the 88 Americans stolen by gun violence every day by wearing orange; and

Supervisors Farrell; Cohen BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, Millions of Americans are coming together to fight for a country where every person can live a life free from gun violence by taking the pledge to wear orange on June 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on February 3, 2015, establishing a Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to advise City Departments and policymakers on methods to reduce gun violence in the City finding that ensuring the safety and protection of its citizens is among the most important roles of government; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a significant urban population affected by gun violence and gun violence has taken too many lives in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, From 2007 through July 2014, 1,731 individuals in San Francisco either were wounded or lost their lives to gun violence, and countless others have been affected by the resulting trauma of experiencing gun violence; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2014, over 40 children playing at the Herz playground in Visitacion Valley witnessed the horrific shooting and murder of Allen Calloway in broad daylight; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2015, a mother in Bayview, Maria Lourdes Soza, was killed by a stray bullet in front of her three children, marking a violent start to the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joins in solidarity and recognizes and supports the First Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2, 2015, to bring attention to the 88 Americans stolen by gun violence every day and to the San Franciscans we have lost due to gun violence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages everyone to wear orange on June 2, 2015, to bring awareness to this epidemic and to remember all the lives we have lost due to gun violence.

Supervisors Farrell; Cohen BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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June 02, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/2/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

6/12/15

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board