

Pittsfield Charter Township

Proclamation declaring June 2nd, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Pittsfield Charter Township

June 2, 2023

WHEREAS, This proclamation declares June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Pittsfield Charter 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, gun deaths reached their highest level in at least 40 years, with 48,830 deaths that year alone; and

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

WHEREAS, in the State of Michigan there is an average of 1,270 gun deaths each year and with a rate of 12.7 deaths per 100,000 people, Michigan has the 22nd highest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

WHEREAS, Township Board of Trustees and law enforcement officers know their community 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, 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 community safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees declares June 2, 2023, 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 human lives.

Mandy Grewal, Supervisor
Pittsfield Charter Township

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