

Every year, over 36,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and 73,000 more are shot and wounded; and

WHEREAS, A gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed; and

WHEREAS, Firearms are the second leading cause of death for children and teens and the first leading cause of death for Black children and teens in America; and

WHEREAS, Americans in cities across the nation, including in the City of St. Louis, are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation; 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 communities safe.

Now, therefore, I, Lyda Krewson, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim February 1 to February 8, 2020, as:

**"NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK"
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 1st day of February, A.D. 2020.

WHEREAS, every year, over 36,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and 73,000 more are shot and wounded;

WHEREAS, by early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year;

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed;

WHEREAS, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to: gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS, 58% of American adults or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America;

WHEREAS, firearms are the second leading cause of death for children and teens and the first leading cause of death for Black children and teens in America;

WHEREAS, Americans in cities across the nation, including in the City of St. Louis, are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation;

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 8, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; 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 communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Louis officially declares February 1 to February 8, 2020 to be National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.