

Mayor Tracey Furman

**Council Member Darin Bartram
Council Member Nate Engle**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Bridget Hill-Zayat**

Released: May 31, 2022

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Special Town Council Meeting, 7:30 pm**

The Special Town Council Meeting will be held through the Zoom Video Conferencing application.

The Council Meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. For those wishing to access meeting through Zoom, please use the following Zoom Video Conferencing link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87064685435?pwd=RXJwR0JkNjIYeW9zQzFpSmZjN2pwZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 6468 5435

Password: 643696

Or you may join the meeting by calling: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C) and entering the Meeting ID and Password above.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS

(Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations to be introduced or adopted following appropriate procedures required by the Town Code; or resolutions that may require discussion by the Mayor and Council prior to approval)

1. **Resolution No. R-15-2022** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Kensington 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.

ADJOURNMENT

(The Mayor and Council may move to close the meeting and may move to reopen the meeting)

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING(S) OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE HELD:

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:00 pm

**Town of Kensington 3710 Mitchell Street Kensington, MD 20895
Phone 301.949.2424 Fax 301.949.4925
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Resolution No. R-15-2022

Adopted:

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council declaring the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Kensington 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 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000-gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS municipalities across the nation, including the Town of Kensington, are working to end the senseless gun violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is local government'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 histories; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated gun violence with more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in community gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3, 2022, to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and to the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea of recognizing this day was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange and 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, by wearing orange on June 3, 2022, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 3rd, the first Friday in June in 2022, to help raise awareness about 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 residents safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Kensington declares the first Friday in June each year, to begin June 3, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

ATTEST: TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

By: _____
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer

Tracey C. Furman, Mayor