

## **Local Gun Violence Prevention Groups Come Together to Honor Victims of Gun Violence on National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – June 1, 2022 -- Three local Charlottesville Gun Violence prevention groups come together to acknowledge victims of gun violence on National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The B.U.C.K. Squad, Moms Demand Action (VA) and the Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention will join forces for this important day on Friday, June 3, 2022.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day is June 3, 2022. Wear Orange Weekend is June 3-5, 2022. This day/weekend is acknowledged by supporters wearing Orange to recognize this day in connection with the #WearOrange movement. To honor those that have lost their lives and have been wounded by firearms, we Wear Orange.

Wear Orange Day began in 2013 after 15 year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Hadiya was an honor student and killed in a case of mistaken identity just one week after marching in President Obama's 2nd Inaugural Parade. After her death, her friends and family wore orange to honor her memory. Every year since then, to coincide with Hadiya's birthday on June 2nd, we wear orange to continue efforts to end gun violence nationwide.

In Charlottesville, an event to recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day will take place on **Friday, June 3, 2022 from 4-7PM at the Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church**. The aforementioned gun violence groups will join forces to present this event to the community to show solidarity against any form of gun violence. The event will have activities for children as well as food and games, a proclamation from the Mayor, and poster making for the #WearOrange movement. All are welcome to join in this event, and we encourage everyone to wear Orange.

The B.U.C.K. Squad is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce gun violence in our community through violence interruption. We are based in Charlottesville, VA and we are committed to a safer community for all. For more information, please visit our website at [www.bucksquad911.org](http://www.bucksquad911.org)

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