



Executive Order
From the
Office of the Mayor

Whereas, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

Whereas, Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 43,000 gun homicides every year; and

Whereas, In New Mexico 415 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 19.6 deaths per 100,000 people. New Mexico has the 7th highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and

Whereas, Cities across the nation, including Albuquerque are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

Whereas, Public safety in the communities they serve is a mayor's highest responsibility; and

Whereas, Mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities 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, Gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

Now, Therefore, I, Timothy M. Keller, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim, the first Friday, June 4, 2021, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

"National Gun Violence Awareness Day"



Timothy M. Keller

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Attest:
Ethan Watson

Ethan Watson, City Clerk