



STAMFORD MAYOR DAVID MARTIN AND REPRESENTATIVE JIM HIMES TO SPEAK AT STAMFORD #WearOrange PRESS CONFERENCE FOR NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS ON JUNE 1

Moms Demand Action Stamford, The ENOUGH Campaign, Women On Watch, and CT Against Gun Violence to Co-Host #WearOrange Press Conference With Mayor Martin, City Officials, Community Leaders, Stamford Students, and Gun Violence Prevention Advocates

STAMFORD – On the eve of #WearOrange Day, Mayor David Martin will usher in a weekend of gun violence prevention to proclaim June 2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day. U.S. Representative Jim Himes will join the #WearOrange press conference in Stamford on **Friday, June 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM** alongside Mayor David Martin and other Stamford and state leaders, to be held at the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Main Lobby.

Annually, June is the deadliest month for gun violence. This year, after a particularly gruesome year of school shootings including in Parkland, Florida and Santa Fe, Texas, in addition to a perpetual increase in local gun incidents, the City of Stamford, along with community leaders and gun violence prevention advocates will be kicking off #WearOrange activities happening across Connecticut to honor victims and survivors with a press conference to proclaim June 2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day. **Please note that the press conference will be held the day before, on June 1.**

The ENOUGH Campaign is partnering with the national #WearOrange Campaign, Moms Demand Action Stamford, Women On Watch, Greenwich Council Against Gun Violence, March For Our Lives Stamford student organizers, and the Office of the Mayor of Stamford.

Every day, more than 96 Americans are killed by guns, while more than twice that many are injured. In total, more than one half million people have been killed or injured by guns since the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December, 2012. In our own communities of Stamford, CT, gun violence incidents have risen over the past year. Lowering the number who are killed or injured can be done by supporting common-sense gun laws and gun sense practices such as asking if there's a gun in the homes where children visit friends.

As Shira Tarantino of The ENOUGH Campaign points out, "During this month of gun violence awareness, we must look at the bigger picture in how race, gender, and a culture of fear

contribute to the pervasiveness of gun violence. With 33,000 people being killed each year, and daily preventable gun deaths on the rise, including hundreds of children, we can wait no longer. We strongly encourage people to get involved in their communities, use their voices, and take advantage of their civic duties to vote in every single election."

Please join us on June 1 and let's show the city of Stamford and beyond that we are determined to end gun violence. The event is open to the public, and we ask that you please come to support this worthy cause. Students encouraged to attend. Wear orange!

For more information, please visit www.theENOUGHcampaign.com.

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*The **#WearOrange** campaign, powered by **Everytown for Gun Safety** and **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America** was inspired by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old Chicago student killed by gunfire, who decided to honor her life by wearing orange on her birthday, June 2. Orange is the color hunters wear to protect themselves. This year, Hadiya would have turned 21.*

*The mission of **The ENOUGH Campaign** is to protect our families and our country as we advocate for more public awareness on the issues of gun violence prevention in America. Through legislative advocacy and community education, we champion stronger gun laws and aim to transform public perceptions of gun safety. The ENOUGH Campaign is a proud member of the Newtown Action Alliance. www.theENOUGHcampaign.com*

***Women On Watch (WOW)** is a grassroots political initiative promoting awareness, advocacy and action relating to key local and national issues. www.facebook.com/wow4womenonwatch*

*The mission of **Connecticut Against Gun Violence** is to end gun violence by identifying, developing, and promoting passage of legislation designed to enhance gun safety.*

***Greenwich Council Against Gun Violence** mission: Joining hands to work for common sense state and federal regulation of firearms to help reduce gun violence. www.facebook.com/greenwichcouncilagainstgunviolence*

***The Office of the Mayor of Stamford** supports gun violence prevention and commemorates National Gun Violence Awareness Day in solidarity with Newtown's "Orange Walk" and rally hosts **Newtown Action Alliance**, **Connecticut Against Gun Violence**, **Sandy Hook Promise**, **Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence Danbury Chapter**, and **Moms Demand Action**, and with other cities across Connecticut and the U.S.*