

PROCLAMATION
February 1, 2023 to February 7, 2023
National Gun Violence Survivors Week in Ann Arbor

WHEREAS, every year, more than 40,000 Americans are killed with guns and approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded; and

WHEREAS, every year, on average 1,270 Michiganders are killed by acts of gun violence and 2,437 more are wounded by guns; and

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

WHEREAS, fifty-nine percent of American adults, including 71 percent of Black and 60 percent of Latinx Americans, or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America; and

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens; and

WHEREAS, people in America in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for commonsense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 7, 2023, 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 hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby declare this first week of February 2023 to be Gun Violence Survivors Week in the City of Ann Arbor. We encourage all community members to support efforts to prevent gun violence.



*I hereby set my hand and seal
This 1st day of February 2023*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Taylor".

*Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor*