

**COUNCIL REFERRAL by Mayor Ethan Baker – Resolution to Proclaim June 2022
Gun Violence Awareness Month in the City of Troy**

WHEREAS, Public safety and protecting the residents, businesses and visitors of the City of Troy remains the number one strategic priority of the Mayor and Troy City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring public safety while protecting free speech and other basic Constitutional rights is among the Mayor and Troy City Council's primary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence, particularly within our nation's schools and in places of worship, is unacceptable and of constant and growing concern; and

WHEREAS, Local elected officials and local law enforcement officers know their communities best, are most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are uniquely positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, We continue to support all law enforcement officials in their efforts to halt all acts of violence, including gun violence; and

WHEREAS, As a community, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our residents and community safe;

WHEREAS, It is important to speak out against all acts of hate and intolerance, respect others' points of view, and value and honor human life; and

WHEREAS, As a community, we must continue to be vigilant about intolerance and violent behavior and encourage others to follow the mantra "If you see something, say something."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Troy City Council declare June 2022 to be Gun Violence Awareness Month in the City of Troy and encourage all citizens to support our community's efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage responsible gun ownership and pledge to do all we can to reduce gun violence, encourage responsible gun ownership, and to help keep our residents and community safe.