



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

### Declaring the Week of February 1, 2021 to February 7, 2021 as National Gun Violence Survivor Week

This proclamation declares the week of February 1, 2021, to February 7, 2021, to be National Gun Violence Survivor Week in the City of Sebastopol to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and uplift the resilient voices of survivors across the nation.

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 39,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly 85,000 more are shot and wounded; 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, 58 percent of American adults, including 68 percent of Black and Latino 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, Americans in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 7, 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 wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol declares February 1 to February 7, 2021 to be National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2nd Day of February 2021.

*Una Glass, Mayor, City of Sebastopol*