


City of Keizer, Oregon



Proclamation

WHEREAS on 29 January 2013, in Chicago, Hadiya Pendleton, age 15, was shot in the back and killed by two men who told police they had intended to shoot rival gang members; and

WHEREAS homicides and assaults committed by people using guns are concentrated in 127 of the largest cities in the United States resulting in more than 110 people killed and another 200 injured nationwide each day but are not isolated to those cities; and

WHEREAS people choose guns as weapons for assault, suicide, homicide, domestic violence, drug and gang violence, and other acts of violence because a gun's portability as well as level and range of destructive power are significantly higher than other weapons readily available; and

WHEREAS on 3 June 2022, Hadiya would have celebrated her 25th birthday; and

WHEREAS to remember all the birthdays and life achievements never realized because a person chose to shoot and injure or kill another person, Hadiya's birthday is an appropriate symbol of those lives of accomplishments and achievements forever lost; and

WHEREAS community awareness, condemnation, and active prevention of people obtaining and using guns in acts of violence reminds each person of our responsibilities that accompany our rights to preserve and protect our communities so we can live in peace with one another.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CATHY CLARK, Mayor of the City of Keizer, together with the Keizer City Council assembled in Regular session, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2022 as

Gun Violence Awareness and Prevention Day

And urge all people of the city of Keizer to take every opportunity each day to secure any and all guns, treat one another with dignity and respect, and actively use the most powerful tool known to resolve conflict, which is the way of peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Keizer to be affixed this 6th day of June, 2022.

MAYOR CATHY CLARK
City of Keizer, Oregon

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT
RECEIVED MAY 17TH THRU JUNE 6TH, 2022

- Suann White – Keizer resident – Library Support
- Erma Garrison – Keizer resident – Library Support
- Gregory Gilbert – Keizer resident (I believe from the content of his email) –
PRIDE Month
- Michaela Dunn – No residence listed – Memorial for brother
- Linda Warner – Keizer resident – National Gun Violence Day

Davis, Tracy

From: Suann <suannkw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:53 PM
To: Cathy Clark; Laura Reid; Shaney Starr; Kyle Juran; Roland Herrera; Elizabeth Smith; Daniel Kohler; Davis, Tracy
Subject: Library support

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City of Keizer chair and Councilors,

First, I thank you for your time and service on the Council.

I am writing to support development and growth of the library. It's time. The opportunity is here now to fund this important infrastructure for our growing community.

My hope is that you all understand and value the benefits of a public library to the city and it's citizens.

Respectfully,

Suann White

Davis, Tracy

From: Erma Garrison <erma@keizerlibrary.org>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:26 PM
To: Davis, Tracy
Subject: Public library

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Hello Mayor Kathy Clark and City Council members,

There are many reasons I think a public library in Keizer would benefit our community. I am on the board at the KCL. My name is Erma Garrison. I have been a board member for a short time but was in attendance at the last city council meeting. From what I understand it is not an uncommon thing for the city council to increase incrementally our utility bill for the good of the community as in community services. Usually this type of effort begins with the residences living in the community making a request of the city. I believe from what I understand the city could do this same thing to make us a public library which would so benefit, not only the citizens in Keizer who use the library but would also invest in the Keizer community's future growth, economically, educationally, bring unity of spirit for a common cause to our Keizer community and bring participation which is vital to any community to thrive!!! If this question went to a vote on the ballot in November this place in time where so many are enthusiastic about KCL becoming a public library may lose steam and it would be expensive for the already compromised Keizer community library as all our funds are contributions and books are donated as well as staff being volunteers. Please consider making this decision in favor of KCL becoming a public library today.

With sincerity,
Erma Garrison

Davis, Tracy

From: Cathy Clark
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 6:14 PM
To: Gregory Gilbert
Cc: Laura Reid; Shaney Starr; Kyle Juran; Roland Herrera; Elizabeth Smith; Daniel Kohler; Davis, Tracy; Brown, Adam; Johnson, Shannon
Subject: Re: PRIDE Month

Good afternoon Mr. Gilbert,

I am working on the proclamation for June 6 council meeting.

As was discussed last year, we can continue to use our public lobby area for informational displays as we do for other heritage recognition days /months. Display material and ideas for that space are welcome.

Thank you for your offer. We do not at this time have a program for flying flags other than the government flags.

sincerely,

Cathy Clark, Mayor
Sent from my iPhone

On May 20, 2022, at 1:26 PM, Gregory Gilbert <chefgtgilbert@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Good afternoon,

I was wondering if the city was going to do a proclamation for PRIDE month this year?

Also I offered last year to donate a PRIDE flag for the city to fly but was unfortunately told that the city couldn't fly it. I was told that the city had to look into the legality of it. Since other cities in our area, i.e. Salem, Portland to name just two, have figured out how to legally fly one, has anyone reached out to them for guidance?

My offer still stands if the city would like to have a PRIDE flag. I will gladly buy one for the city to fly and show its support of the greater diverse community of LGBT etc citizens that call Keizer home.

Thank you for all your support at the city level,
Greg Gilbert

Sent from my iPhone

Davis, Tracy

From: Michaela Dunn <kayam.dunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Cathy Clark; Laura Reid; Shaney Starr; Kyle Juran; Roland Herrera; Elizabeth Smith; Daniel Kohler; Davis, Tracy

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good Morning, my name is Michaela but my friends know me as kaya I've lived in the Salem keizer area my entire life and would consider myself to be an enthusiastic Oregonian. I sent this over to the Keizer Chambers Facebook page but I guess I wasn't sure if that was the right place and was hoping for a little bit of direction.

About me

I am a benefit advocate for United Health group. And to summarize my employment in a nutshell, I help people from all demographics understand and navigate their healthcare. I am the segway between the exasperation of a new plan, not knowing where you can go to get care or what's covered to the triumph of calling the appropriate provider's office back, getting the appointment scheduled from wellness visit to pharmacy pickup. Helping people live healthy lives. I connect uncrossed tees to dotted I's. And if I'm being honest, I love it. I feel deeply connected to a sense of community, to helping people find the parts inside of themselves that are accountable to growth, open to hope, and willing to try. Ive been lost before like the people we pass downtown and try not to make eye contact with.. I think my own climb has fueled my purpose in helping other see the climb still inside of themselves..

For fun I read, I garden, I hike. I am frequently seen walking down Lancaster with a book in hand and a pair of pruners in my back pocket. Trying no to bump into telephone poles or obstruct traffic..

However this year I walk with more caution.

You see, in October my brother, someone I had only had in my life for 2 years prior was riding his bike at the intersection the parkway and Cherry Ave.

And maybe he wasn't paying attention.

Maybe he was checking a message on his phone,
Or picking his favorite song,
Maybe he thought he could beat the light... Or the truck..
I don't really know, maybe he didnt even see him..

The details are something I'll only get to guess about.

The crappy facts that remain are that on October 15th my only almost 42 year old brother was struck by a semi and died shortly after.

Now the semi driver was said to not be at fault, cooperated with incident response and stayed onsite while police investigated and later informed his family. Stunned and spread out out the news traveled to each of us and with hearts filled with heavy grief. There was a small article in the Statesman. And we held a small gathering where he was raised in Bend a month later.

His birthday is May 4th.

Every time I drive by that intersection I stop and I take flowers to the cross that his sons mom put up. And think back to the first birthday we spent together. Him grumbling about me not making a big deal..Me ignoring him because 40 was too a big deal! The balloons and cake and funny card. And now every time I drive by I stop. I bring flowers. Sometimes I stop just to cry...

The practice in the event your loved ones are lost on the road is almost entirely too morbid for my taste, to grieve so openly, in a place that your loved one was literally tore to bits feels like a dated practice and a public show for which I'm not very comfortable with.

So I just want to make it happier.

Something ugly like grief and loss. Just a little beautiful.

I'm reaching out because I would like to plant sunflowers in the grass line on the side of the road that I believe is Keizer city property. There is currently some maintained trees, ivy and other plants all adjacent to a pre existing irrigation line. If necessary I would like to know how to adopt the road and maintain it regularly. Ideally would just prefer the consent of whoever is currently assigned that areas landscaped and would request that they please don't weed whack or mow down my flowers.

I'm not asking for a bike lane.. though Jesse's death is not the first. Nor am I asking for a placard, or recognition for either my brother or myself. I'm just asking a spot to plant some color, something I know my brother would call me ridiculous for even thinking up. It's a something small that I know would make him smile. Maybe say something to the effect of, "If anybody could convince them to let you, it would be you.." A challenge I would take it as and one that he would raise his eyebrows about and eventually the corners of his lips into his signature full grin.. And that would help my heart have a little peace of hope as I try to heal through the absence of him on his birthday in the coming weeks.

If there is a more formal process for consideration. I would appreciate the direction.. and regardless will thank whomever does the pages' upkeep for taking the time to read my request. I wish all a great day.

In memory of my brother
Jesse Blue Long
05/04/1980 -10/15/2022

With appreciation,
Michaela Dunn

Davis, Tracy

From: Linda Warner <lindadeewarner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 8:41 PM
To: Cathy Clark; Davis, Tracy; Laura Reid; Daniel Kohler; Roland Herrera; Elizabeth Smith; Shaney Starr; Kyle Juran; Brown, Adam
Subject: Re: National Gun Violence Day

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June 2, 2022

Dear Council & Mayor Clark,

I'm forwarding the email I wrote last year as a request that Keizer make an effort to join the fight to end gun violence.

My sentiments expressed last year remain unchanged. We as a society have become even more violent this past year with over 200 mass shootings since the beginning of the year. Until we come together and actually do something rather than offer thoughts and prayers each time someone dies by gun violence, there will be no change. Proclaiming June 3rd as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wearing orange doesn't infringe on anyone's rights, yet it sends a message to our community that we as a city care and that we as a city recognize the cause of such absolute horror as occurred in Robb Elementary school in Uvalde or Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo or a medical Clinic in Tulsa or a cemetery in Racine.

It's too late for Keizer to step up to the plate this year and deliver an actual proclamation, but I urge our mayor, our councilors, and all city workers to take gun violence seriously and to mark the calendar to be proactive annually and make certain that Keizer joins other communities across the nation in making it known that we are part of the solution to ending gun violence and not part of the problem.

For this year, how about posting on social media? The city uses social media to educate about saving our pollinators, decreasing pollution, and Trashy Tuesday. How about using it to call attention to National Gun Violence Awareness Day and the Wear Orange campaign?

Sincerely,

Linda Warner

Keizer, Oregon

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From: **Linda Warner** <lindadeewarner@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 17, 2021 at 2:20 PM

Subject: National Gun Violence Day

To: <ClarkC@keizer.org>

Cc: <davist@keizer.org>

May 17, 2021

Dear Mayor Clark,

Today, I join with others in asking Keizer to proclaim June 4th National Gun Violence Day and encourage everyone to participate in Wear Orange Weekend on June 5-6 which this year will feature virtual events from across the nation.

We all see the news reports of an uptick in gun violence here in Oregon and it is well past time that we join with other cities across our nation to draw attention to the devastation and the many people that are impacted. This isn't about taking away our right to own guns, but is instead desperately trying to bring awareness to this public health crisis.

Just a few sobering thoughts:

- Each day in the United States more than 100 people are killed by gun violence and more than 200 are shot and wounded. Each incident leaves behind people grieving and torn apart by the violence.
- Gun suicide claims the lives of over 23,000 people in the United States each year, including many of our troubled veterans. I lost an uncle that could no longer handle the stress he felt after years of armed conflict.
- Guns are the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States.
- Fifty-eight percent of American adults or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime. I lost a cousin and another friend to domestic violence and the emotional trauma for all of us remains.
- Approximately 3 million American children witness gun violence every year.

Won't you please join hundreds of other cities across America in proclaiming June 4th National Gun Violence Day?

Sincerely,

Linda Warner

Keizer, Oregon