



Ferndale City Council
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
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AGENDA BILL #18-05-011

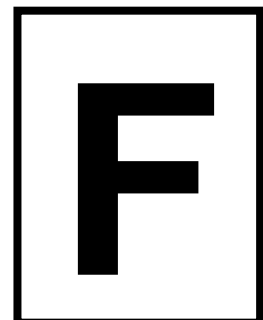
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Date Council Action Requested: May 21, 2018	
Prepared by: Susan Duncan, City Clerk	Reviewed By: _____ Date: 05/16/2018
SUBJECT: Gun Safety Awareness Day Resolution	Committee: P&LU PW&U (F&A)
	Mayor X
	City Administrator X
	City Clerk's Office X
	Community Development Dept
	Public Works Department
	City Attorney's Office
	Finance Department
	Police Department
	Board/Commission
Hearings Examiner	
ACTION REQUESTED:	VOTE NEEDED TO PASS:

SUMMARY: A proposal was brought to the Finance & Administration Committee by Councilmember Kate Hansen to promote gun awareness around firearms during the weekend of June 1 – 3, and to declare June 2nd "Wear Orange for Gun Safety Day."

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS/ISSUES: Finance & Administration Committee members unanimously forwarded this item to the full Council for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution



RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE
DECLARING JUNE 2, 2018 TO BE "WEAR ORANGE FOR GUN SAFETY
DAY"**

WHEREAS, in 2016 there were 686 firearm deaths in Washington state, including deaths resulting from suicide and accidents; and

WHEREAS, a recent study at the University of Washington shows that only 36.6% of Washington gun owners store their household firearms locked and unloaded; and

WHEREAS, Ferndale and surrounding communities have experienced our own gun-related tragedies and near tragedies; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety is one of the highest responsibilities of elected officials, and it is incumbent on us to be proactive in this pursuit; and

WHEREAS, we as a City must commit to do more to prevent unnecessary gun deaths and injuries, and to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe; and

WHEREAS, education is a key component of preventing gun-related deaths and accidents, and elected officials are compelled to make our residents aware of new gun safety resources available to them; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018 changes to RCW 9.41 received bipartisan support, which will allow people who believe they may become a risk to themselves or others to suspend their ability to buy guns from licensed dealers on a completely voluntary basis and with the ability to reverse their decision; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2, 2018 we can raise awareness about gun safety, and honor and remember those who have lost their lives in firearm tragedies;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE DO DECLARE June 2, 2018 to be "Wear Orange for Gun Safety Day." We encourage all citizens to support local efforts to prevent the tragic effects of misusing a firearm, and to honor and value human lives.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ferndale in regular session this 21ST day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

Jon Mutchler, MAYOR

Susan Duncan, CMC, CITY CLERK