

**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING JUNE 5, 2026 TO BE
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN THE
TOWN OF SMITHFIELD**

WHEREAS, every person deserves to live in a community where they feel safe in their homes, schools, workplaces, places of worship, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, gun violence impacts individuals, families, and communities across the United States and has lasting emotional, physical, and economic effects; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day honors the lives of those lost to gun violence, supports survivors and affected families, and raises awareness about the importance of preventing firearm-related tragedies; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the nation recognize the importance of promoting education, responsible firearm ownership, safe firearm storage practices, mental health awareness, conflict de-escalation, and collaborative violence prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield values the safety and well-being of all residents and recognizes the importance of community partnerships, public engagement, and respectful dialogue in fostering safer neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, National Gun Violence Awareness Day serves as an opportunity to remember victims, support survivors, and encourage continued efforts to reduce violence and strengthen community safety for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, NC do hereby proclaim **June 5th, 2026** as:

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the Town of Smithfield and encourage residents to honor the memory of those impacted by gun violence, support survivors and their families, and work together to promote safe, healthy, and connected communities.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor