



# City of Winston-Salem

## Proclamation

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** The week of April 24-28, 2023 is National Youth Violence Prevention Week, as sponsored by the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and Sandy Hook Promise; and
- WHEREAS:** The purpose of this week is to look at the different instances of youth violence that have occurred, nationwide, over the past few years; and
- WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines youth violence as the intentional use of physical force or power to threaten or harm others by young people, ages 10-24, including bullying, fighting, threats, weapons, and gang-related violence; and
- WHEREAS:** Homicide is the third leading cause of death for youth, ages 10-24, and the leading cause of death for non-Hispanic African-American youth; and
- WHEREAS:** The Youth Advisory Council, College Advisory Board, and Human Relations Commission are advisory boards that advise the City of Winston-Salem on challenges and solutions amongst our local youth; and
- WHEREAS:** After more than two years of increased gun sales, we renew our commitment to collaborate with public safety and school officials, as well as local organizations, to address the increase in city gun violence that results in increased suicides and instances of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS:** We renew our commitment to welcome the voices of our youth to reduce gun violence and to do all we can to reduce gun violence to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES**, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 2023, as

# NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

Given under my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

J. ALLEN JOINES

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Mayor