



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Public Health Report on Gun Violence Among Youth and Young Adults, firearms are the leading cause of suicide and homicide deaths among youth and young adults in King County; and

WHEREAS, through the end of September 2020, King County had already seen more homicides than in all 12 months of 2019; and

WHEREAS, according to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 74 percent of the 256 shooting victims in the first three quarters of 2020 were people of color and 46 percent were under 25; and

WHEREAS, Public Health – Seattle & King County is working to develop and implement local strategies to reduce firearm-related homicide and violence, and ensure all young people are healthy, hopeful, safe, and thriving; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, which is recognized as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Public Health – Seattle & King County's Zero Youth Detention team and community partners will launch their "Go First" strategy, calling for a rigorous intervention for those directly involved in gun violence, secondary prevention for younger siblings, and follow-up care and support for family restoration and healing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021 to be

Regional Community Safety and Wellbeing Day

in King County, in recognition of the rising threat of gun violence and the launching of the "Go First" strategy to address this issue.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive