



THE TOWN OF BURKITTSVILLE, MARYLAND
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**GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS' WEEK
DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022, TO FEBRUARY 7, 2022 TO MARK
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVOR WEEK**

This proclamation declares the week of February 1, 2022, to February 7, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Survivor Week in the City of Burkittsville to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and uplift the resilient voices of survivors across the nation.

WHEREAS every year, nearly 40,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly 80,000 more are shot and wounded.

WHEREAS every year, on average **743** Maryland residents are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly **1,747** more are shot and wounded.

WHEREAS by early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year.

WHEREAS a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed.

WHEREAS forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to: gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS 58 percent of American adults, including 68 percent of Black and Latino Americans, or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America.

WHEREAS firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens.

WHEREAS People in America in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation.

WHEREAS by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 7, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

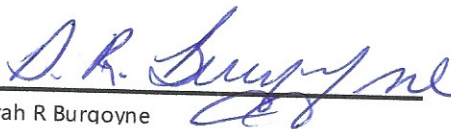
WHEREAS we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Burkittsville declares February 1 to February 7, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

February 1, 2022

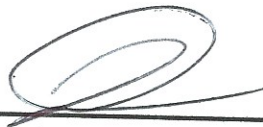
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Deborah R Burgoyne
Mayor



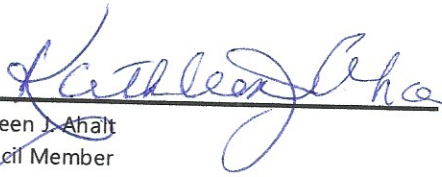
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Mayor Pro Tempore



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Kathleen J. Anhalt
Council Member



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Todd K Remaley
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