

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate June 2014 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month".

WHEREAS, gun violence continues to be a devastating crisis throughout our nation with an increase of shootings and murders typically occurring in the summer months; and

WHEREAS, firearm homicide is the leading cause of death for African Americans ages one through forty-four, nationwide; and

WHEREAS, guns are the most common weapon used in domestic violence against women, and access to firearms increases the risk of homicide by more than five times; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will inspire a necessary discussion in our State on how we can harness our resources to reduce gun violence to improve our State's programs in prevention, intervention, education, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and coordination among all stakeholders is critical to the prevention of gun violence, the equal protection of our citizens, and to ensure our State's safety for our youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the members of the Gun Violence Awareness Partnership as they commemorate June 2014 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.