Proclamation City of Laguna Woods Gun Violence Awareness Month June 2024

WHEREAS, in 2022, there were more than 48,000 firearm-related deaths in the United States, according to provisional mortality data analyzed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, approximately 132 people died from a firearm-related injury each day in the United States, more than half of which were suicides and more than 40% of which were homicides; and

WHEREAS, firearm-related injuries affect people in all stages of life, but have consistently ranked among the leading causes of death for people ages 1-44 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, safely storing firearms includes keeping firearms locked and unloaded; separating firearms and ammunition when not in use; making sure household members understand the safety guidelines concerning firearms; and, using cable locks, gun cases, lock boxes, biometric gun safes, and/or other safe storage options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Laguna Woods City Council does hereby proclaim June 2024 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Laguna Woods and encourages safe and responsible gun ownership.

Dated this 5 th day of June, 2024	
Noel Hatch	Attest: Yolie Trippy, CMC
Mayor	City Clerk