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## **Gov. Wolf to Join Legislators, Advocates in Recognition of Gun Violence Awareness Day**

**Harrisburg, PA** – Governor Tom Wolf today will join legislators and advocates in the Capitol rotunda for a rally and press conference in recognition of Gun Violence Awareness Day. Friday, June 7 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

“The time has come to end gun violence in Pennsylvania,” Gov. Wolf said. “We need to end mass shootings; we need to end homicide shootings; and we need to end suicides by gun. We’ve made progress over the past year at developing common sense measures to reduce gun violence, such as stopping domestic abusers from accessing guns during the time they are most likely to kill their victims.”

The rally, sponsored by Sen. Art Haywood, brought together legislators and advocates to raise awareness on gun violence. Those attending are encouraged to wear orange in a show of support. Additional events and rallies are planned across the commonwealth through June 9.

“This was the fifth Gun Violence Awareness Day,” Sen. Haywood said. “The first had 13 people in attendance and now there are hundreds across the state. This is the first unanimous consent after four prior efforts. I thank the Pennsylvania Senate for unanimous consent.”

Speakers at the rally in addition to Gov. Wolf and Sen. Haywood will include Sen. Jay Costa, Sen. Vincent Hughes, Rep. Movita Johnson-Harrell, Rep. Jennifer O’Mara, and gun violence advocacy groups Moms Demand Action and CeaseFirePA.

Gov. Wolf has shown consistent support for commonsense gun violence reduction legislation, including [universal background checks](#). He first called on the General Assembly to pass a package of domestic violence bills in October 2017, including Act 79’s domestic violence gun safety protections. One year later, [he signed Act 79](#), the first law in 14 years to address gun violence. He has also consistently called for more action to reduce gun violence.

“Think of how many families we can impact, how many mothers would have their sons and daughters come home, how many children would have their parents, if we continue to work together to end gun violence in Pennsylvania,” Gov. Wolf said. “I’m so proud to be here today with all of you as we continue to fight for this important cause. By working together, we can reduce crime, protect our citizens, and give communities more peace of mind.”

**NOTE:** A live web stream of the event will be available [here](#).

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