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Gov. Wolf Joins National Gun Violence Awareness Day Events in Support of Safer Communities

Norristown, PA – Today is National Gun Violence Awareness Day with groups across the commonwealth hosting events in observance. Governor Tom Wolf participated at a rally in Montgomery County this morning and will attend a second event in center city Philadelphia this afternoon in support of this important initiative to reduce gun violence and make Pennsylvania communities safer.

“It is time to end gun violence in Pennsylvania,” Gov. Wolf said. “We need to end mass shootings, homicide shootings, and suicides by gun. We must do everything we can to make our communities safer. And I’m proud to stand today with elected officials, religious leaders and those who know directly how horrific gun violence is on a personal level.”

During the Montgomery County event, hosted by county commissioners Dr. Valerie Arkoosh and Ken Lawrence, speakers in addition to Gov. Wolf included CeaseFirePA’s executive director Shira Goodman, Rev. Marshall Mitchell, Rabbi Saul Grife and gun violence survivors Marge and Tom Sexton. Remarks focused on gun violence programs that affect people and places across the commonwealth, the country and the world, including those that affect the faith communities.

Gov. Wolf and speakers all wore orange and the Montgomery County courthouse will be lit orange in recognition of the day’s annual ask: Wear Orange in support of gun violence awareness.

Shira Goodman of CeaseFirePA said, “We are so pleased that we have leaders in PA like Governor Wolf who are standing up for the safety of Pennsylvanians, who are ready to fight gun violence and work for the Pennsylvania we deserve. We are proud to stand with him and these leaders from Montgomery County.”

Gov. Wolf will attend another rally this afternoon outside city hall in center city Philadelphia with Rep. Movita Johnson-Harrell, local elected officials and gun violence victims.

“As we recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day, we commit to continue to fight for this important cause for our communities, our families and for Pennsylvania,” Gov. Wolf said.

NOTE: Video, audio, and photos from the events will be available for download in an email from the Pennsylvania Internet News Service (PINS). To register for PINS emails contact cms@pacast.com.

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