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Board of Supervisors Proclaim June 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Month

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed June 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Month, reaffirming the County's commitment to honoring victims and survivors of gun violence while recognizing the community organizations and law enforcement agencies working every day to prevent violence and save lives.

The proclamation was sponsored by District 2 Supervisor Paul Canepa, whose district includes the City of Stockton.

"Every life lost to gun violence leaves a family forever changed and a community searching for answers," said Supervisor Canepa. "My office sponsored this proclamation to raise awareness and remind our community that we will never waiver from our commitment to ending gun violence and protecting our neighborhoods."

Supervisor Canepa has partnered with and advocated for organizations on the front lines of violence prevention, including Bread of Life, Cleveland School Remembers, Concrete Development, Inc., and the Stockton Office of Violence Prevention, alongside local law enforcement agencies.

According to Concrete Development, Inc., youth and young adults ages 12 to 26 continue to experience an increase in deaths and repeat involvement with violence, gun violence, and substance use disorder. In Stockton, nearly half (46%) of homicide victims are 29 years old or younger.

"These organizations are doing the difficult work where it matters most," Canepa said. "They are building trust, creating opportunities, and helping young people choose hope over violence. Their commitment is making a real difference, and they deserve our support and gratitude."

The proclamation comes just months after a tragic shooting at a child's birthday party outside Stockton claimed the lives of four people, including three children, and left 13 others injured.

As Gun Violence Awareness Month comes to a close, San Joaquin County renews its commitment to working alongside community partners, law enforcement, educators, and residents to reduce gun violence, invest in prevention, and create safer communities where every family has the opportunity to thrive.