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Events planned to highlight Gun Violence Awareness Month

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness and inspire change with the goal of saving lives. Multiple people and organizations in the Northland are teaming up this year to encourage conversations about safe storage of firearms, promote use of gun locks and honor those whose lives were cut short by firearms.

On Tuesday, June 2, the St. Louis County Board and the City of Duluth will each issue proclamations for Gun Violence Awareness Month. This will happen during the County Board meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on the second floor of the Courthouse in Duluth. Meanwhile, that same evening, the City of Duluth will light Enger Tower orange, which is the color associated with Gun Violence awareness. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to join in by turning on an orange light as a show of support – on June 2 or throughout the month. Additionally, people are invited to wear orange over the weekend of June 5-7.

A free community event is also being planned for Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to noon., at Central Hillside Community Park, 12 East 4th Street in Duluth. The family-friendly event will feature speakers, a bell ringing event and free refreshments. It will be both a time to remember and honor people lost, as well as opportunity to connect around a shared commitment to ending gun violence. Free gun locks will be available while supplies last, and other resources will be shared.

Among the organizations participating in this event: the Family Freedom Center, Moms Demand Action, Brady United, the Duluth Police Department, St. Louis County Attorney's Office, St. Louis County Public Health, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Women's Missionary Society and Protect Minnesota.