

Borough of Glen Ridge
Proclamation
NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to US children ages 1 to 18; and The Borough of Glen Ridge is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 54 percent of gun owners don't lock all of their guns securely and an estimated that 5.4 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun, an increase of 800,000 children since 2015; and

WHEREAS, almost every single day, a child gets their hands on a gun and unintentionally kills or injures themselves or someone else in the US; and research shows that the best way to protect children and teens from accessing guns is to implement secure firearm storage practices; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the community they serve is mayor's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries among children; Glen Ridge Borough commends Be SMART, a program developed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund and Moms Demand Action, and all involved in their endeavor to protect children from injury;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Stuart Patrick of the Borough of Glen Ridge declares the November 18, 2023 to be National Injury Prevention Day.

Date: November 13, 2023

MAYOR STUART K. PATRICK