

# Township of Verona

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability to US children ages 1 to 18; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township of Verona 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*

*WHEREAS, 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; the Township of Verona 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 I, Alex Roman, Mayor of the Township of Verona, declare the 18th of November to be National Injury Prevention Day.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the Township of Verona, New Jersey, to be affixed this 8th day of November 2021.*



Alex Roman  
Mayor