



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT ILLUMINATES BRIDGE TO  
COMMEMORATE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK**

*This week of recognition amplifies the voices of those who live with the impact gun violence  
has had on their lives.*

**WHAT:** Bridge lighting to commemorate National Gun Violence Survivors Week  
**WHO:** Shelby County Government, Shelby County Crime Victims & Rape Crisis Center, and Moms Demand Action  
**WHEN:** Saturday, February 5, 2022, at sunset  
**WHERE:** Hernando de Soto Bridge

**Shelby County, TN** – Shelby County Government's Crime Victims & Rape Crisis Center (CVRCC) has partnered with Moms Demand Action to illuminate the Hernando de Soto Bridge in recognition of National Gun Violence Survivors Week, which runs February 1-7. According to the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, while the overall crime rate has decreased by 1.8% in 2021, more than 70% of all violent crimes reported involved guns.

The CVRCC's available resources include immediate crisis intervention, trauma counseling, and support navigating emergency financial assistance. CVRCC's hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm with after-hour appointments available. Recently, the CVRCC provided support, counseling, and assistance to victims and loved ones after the tragic mass shooting at the Collierville Kroger store.

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** "It is tragic that almost every day someone in our county must deal with the aftermath of gun violence. National Gun Violence Survivors Week affords us



the opportunity to have a community conversation, expand our knowledge, and recommit to addressing gun violence.”

**Shelby County Crime Victims & Rape Crisis Center Executive Director Sandy Bromley:** “Here in Shelby County, gun violence is something we can’t escape. We illuminate the Hernando de Soto Bridge to drive home once again the horrible impact gun violence has on so many in our community. Raising awareness is not enough. We must all do everything we can to end it.”

**Memphis Moms Demand Action Volunteer Lead and Everytown Survivor Fellow Erika Kelley:** “We are glad to have Shelby County Government join us to honor the fourth annual National Gun Violence Survivors Week. During the week, we take stock of the terrible human toll of America’s gun violence crisis and recommit ourselves to supporting survivors with action. By this week, there will have been more gun deaths in the United States than the number of gun deaths experienced by peer countries in an entire calendar year, and that’s unacceptable. We welcome everyone to join us in sharing gun violence survivors’ stories and encourage allies to amplify their voices, because when we all speak up, we can make a difference.”

To learn more about the impact of gun violence or to share your own story, visit [www.MomentsThatSurvive.org](http://www.MomentsThatSurvive.org).

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