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Proclamation 2026-09

Mayor and Town Council, Shepherdstown, West Virginia
Asking Saves Lives Day

WHEREAS, the epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation's children and claiming five lives a day; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is the leading cause of death among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) campaign encourages parents to add one more safety question to conversations before their child visits others homes, "Is there an unlocked gun in your home?"; and

WHEREAS, asking this simple question before sending your child to another home could help save your child's life; and

WHEREAS, the hope is that asking will become a common health and safety question; offering a real immediate solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect their families and children from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the power of the ASK campaign is that it brings together all Americans concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes the solution to gun violence a discussion about public safety and good parenting; and

WHEREAS, the first day of summer, the season in which kids typically spend more time at home or the homes of friends and family, is designated as National ASK Day;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Shepherdstown, therefore does hereby proclaim June 21, 2026, to be "ASK Day" and calls upon the people of Shepherdstown to recognize this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

James Gatz, Mayor
Town of Shepherdstown