

NATIONAL LIE-IN  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008  
ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA TECH MASSACRE

ON THIS DAY, LIE-INS WILL BE HELD ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO PROTEST LAX U.S. GUN LAWS.  
SO FAR, 70 LIE-INS IN 30 STATES ARE TAKING PLACE.

32 PEOPLE ARE MURDERED EVERY SINGLE DAY IN THIS COUNTRY. 5 OF THEM ARE CHILDREN.  
WE JOIN WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN CALLING FOR TOUGHER GUN LAWS.

END LAX GUN LAWS BEFORE THEY END ANOTHER LIFE.

MICHIGAN LIE-IN

WHO: MILLION MOM MARCH OF MICHIGAN & PIONEERS FOR PEACE

WHAT: "Lie-In" to Protest Weak Gun Policies. As we remember the lives lost one year ago today, we also remember the 32 lives lost yesterday, the day before and every single day in America. From the cities to the suburbs, we share a common goal to keep our children and families safe from gun violence. There are simple solutions, Congress knows what to do, we demand they get it done.

WHEN: 12:00pm SHARP  
(Please arrive by 11:45am)  
We will lie down for 3 minutes to signify the average amount of time it takes to buy a gun in the U.S.

WHERE: In front of the Spirit of Detroit Statue  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226  
(corner of Woodward & Jefferson)

PARTICIPANTS: Wear all black. Please arrive by 11:45am.  
If you have a picture of a loved one lost to gun violence, please bring it.

PLEASE CONTACT US AND LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING. 32 PEOPLE WILL LIE DOWN TO REPRESENT THE 32 PEOPLE KILLED AT VIRGINIA TECH ONE YEAR AGO AND THE 32 PEOPLE MURDERED EVERY DAY BY GUNS. WE WELCOME MANY MORE TO JOIN US. WE WILL HAVE SIGNS AND BANNERS FOR YOU TO HOLD AS WELL.

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\*\*\*TO VIEW LAST YEAR'S LIE-IN, PLEASE SEE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZHyZ4caY8M>

### DEADLY FACTS

- 32 people are murdered every day in the U.S. by guns (5 of these are children).
- 81 people in the U.S. are killed everyday with guns, including gun suicides, accidental shootings, and murders.
- Every two years as many Americans are killed by guns in the U.S. as Americans killed in the Vietnam War.
- In 33 states in the United States, terrorists, criminals, and felons can walk into 4,000 gun shows across the nation, put money on the counter and buy a gun **without a background check** from

unregulated “private sellers” of guns. This “gunshow loophole” cries out for national legislation so that the criminals won’t be running to the “easy states” to buy their “easy guns.”

• Over 70% of Americans believe in tighter gun restrictions. We protest to make our voices heard LOUD AND CLEAR: We want our gun laws CHANGED!

**Million Mom March-** *What started as one of the largest marches on Washington is now a national network of 75 Chapters around the U.S. that work locally, yet stand together, in their fight against gun violence and the devastation it causes. As part of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Million Mom March Chapters believe that all Americans have the right to be safe from gun violence in their homes, neighborhoods, schools, and places of work and worship.*

**Pioneers for Peace** *is an innovative violence prevention and awareness organization comprised of 27 survivors of gun-violence who have sustained permanent disabilities as a result. Instead of viewing their disabilities as tragedy, they see it as an opportunity to educate youth on the dangers of guns, gangs, drugs and the importance of making good decisions about choices that will affect their future. Violence prevention programs and workshops are held at schools and other community settings throughout the state of Michigan. For more information or to schedule a program contact Weusi Olusola at 313-745-5053 or visit [www.pioneersforpeace.org](http://www.pioneersforpeace.org) or [myspace.com/pioneers4peace](http://myspace.com/pioneers4peace).*

**ProtestEasyGuns.com** *is a grassroots lie-in protest movement that emerged last year in response to the deadliest shooting rampage in U.S. history at Virginia Tech. Supporters are outraged at how easy it is to obtain a gun in the United States and believe it is time to change lax U.S. gun laws that allow criminals and dangerous individuals easy access to guns. Each of the protests includes 32 individuals (symbolizing the number of students and teachers murdered at Virginia Tech and the 32 Americans murdered with guns every day in the United States). Protesters lie down silently for three minutes (signifying the brief amount of time it takes to buy a gun in the United States). The goal is to encourage like-minded citizens to stage their own protests around the country to influence the public discourse and ultimately the legislative process with regard to this critical national problem. Visit [www.protesteasycguns.com](http://www.protesteasycguns.com)*