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**ON A FATEFUL ANNIVERSARY,
A DEMONSTRATION IN BLOOMINGTON
TO REMEMBER GUN VIOLENCE VICTIMS**

Bloomington, IN – On Wednesday, April 16, the anniversary of the terrible tragedy that took 32 innocent lives at Virginia Tech University, local citizens in Bloomington will join more than 70 cities and towns across America in events to remember that tragedy – as well as all victims and survivors of gun violence.

One part of Bloomington's demonstration will be a "lie-in" where mothers and fathers, young and old, gun violence victims, college students and other citizens lie down in groups of 32 to recall the 32 innocent victims murdered at Virginia Tech, as well as the 32 murdered by guns every day in this country. They'll remain lying for just a few short minutes to highlight the short length of time it takes to purchase a gun in the United States.

Abigail Spangler founder of ProtestEasyGuns.com started these "lie-in" protests following the Virginia Tech tragedy last year, and has dubbed April 16 as National Lie-In Day. "We refuse to accept that nothing can be done," Spangler said. "We'll keep making our voices heard until we pass laws that make our children and our communities safer."

"It's too easy for dangerous people to obtain dangerous weapons in this country," said Paul Helmke, President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, a cosponsor of the April 16 national activities. "As we remember gun violence victims on April 16, we should also act to take common sense steps to fight gun violence in Indiana and throughout the country."

"Not only do we remember the 32 students and faculty members murdered at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007," said Jeffrey Schauss, the primary organizer of today's demonstration in Bloomington, "but we call attention to the 32 Americans murdered by gun violence each day in this country, and the 700 killed by firearms in Indiana each year."

The details on Wednesday's demonstration:

WHAT: A "Time of Remembrance"
A short ecumenical and nonpolitical event to remember gun violence victims, to demonstrate support for our Indiana University and City of

Bloomington law enforcement professionals, and to call attention to how easy it is for dangerous people to obtain dangerous weapons.

WHEN: Noon
Wednesday, 16 April 2008

WHERE: FIRST UNITED CHURCH
2420 East Third Street
Bloomington, Indiana

ProtestEasyGuns.com is a grassroots lie-in protest movement that emerged last year in response to the deadliest shooting rampage by a single individual 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.protesteasyguns.com

As the nation's largest, non-partisan, grassroots organization leading the fight to prevent gun violence, the Brady Campaign, with its dedicated network of Million Mom March Chapters, works to enact and enforce sensible gun laws, regulations and public policies. The Brady Campaign is devoted to creating an America free from gun violence, where all Americans are safe at home, at school, at work, and in our communities.

For more information on April 16th activities, visit the Brady Campaign website at www.bradycampaign.org.

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