



Proclamation No. 18-0419

Declaring Wednesday, April 25, as Denim Day in support of victims of sexual assault

WHEREAS, every day, women, men, and children across Colorado suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault upon survivors and our Colorado communities; and

WHEREAS, this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long lasting physical and emotional scars; and

WHEREAS, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, as a nation, we share the responsibility for protecting each other from sexual assault, supporting victims when it does occur, and bringing perpetrators to justice; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, we must work to provide necessary resources to victims of every circumstance, including medical attention, mental health services, relocation and housing assistance, and advocacy during the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, Colorado communities can come together to increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, hold offenders accountable, support victims, and heal lives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. The City Council of the City and County of Denver declares Wednesday, April 25, to be Denim Day in the City and County of Denver and encourages everyone to show their support of the victims of sexual assault by wearing denim and participating in this show of International and Statewide Support of all the survivors of sexual assault.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Laura Richards with the Survivors Task Force of the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA).

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 23, 2018

_____ PRESIDENT