



Proclamation

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH**
April 2022

& DENIM DAY
April 27, 2022

WHEREAS, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has declared April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and Peace Over Violence has declared April 27, 2022 as “Denim Day” in Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, both campaigns are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains a serious issue in our society and harmful attitudes about all forms of sexual violence allow these issues to persist and allow victim/survivors to be re-victimized;

WHEREAS, sexual harassment is part of a continuum of violence whose damaging effects are felt throughout our culture;

WHEREAS, “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and “Denim Day” were also instituted to call attention to misconceptions and misinformation about sexual violence, and the problem that many in society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of sexual harassment, assault, abuse, and rape;

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community and statistics show that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before the age of 18, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives;

WHEREAS, with proper education on the matter and comprehensive prevention projects, sexual violence and its unfair and traumatizing effects are preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2022 AS “SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH” and designates April 27, 2022 as “DENIM DAY” in the City of San Fernando, and urges all citizens to wear jeans on April 27, 2022 to help communicate the message that there is no excuse and never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault, or rape.



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April 4, 2022

THE CITY OF
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