



Proclamation

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH**
April 2024

&

DENIM DAY
April 24, 2024

WHEREAS, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center has declared April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and Peace Over Violence has declared April 24, 2024 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 over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime; most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew; 29% non-Hispanic Black women in the United States were raped in their lifetime; 34% Hispanic women reported unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime; 84% American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime; 32% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence; and 47% of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted 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 2024** as “**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**” and designates April 24, 2024 as “**DENIM DAY**” in the City of San Fernando, and urges all citizens to wear jeans on April 24, 2024 to help communicate the message that there is no excuse and never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault, or rape.




CELESTE T. RODRIGUEZ
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April 15, 2024

THE CITY OF
SAN FERNANDO