**Sample 2021 Denim Day Proclamation**

**Declaring April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”**

**and April 28, 2021 as “Denim Day” in [City]**

WHEREAS, the United States Government has declared April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and Peace Over Violence has declared April 28, 2021 as “Denim Day” in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, both events are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains a serious issue in our society; and

WHEREAS, harmful attitudes about all forms of sexual violence allow these issues to persist and allow victims/survivors to be re-victimized; and

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

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; and

WHEREAS, every two minutes, someone in America, someone is sexually assaulted, approximately 1-in-5 women are raped during their lifetime and youth under 18 accounts for about 44% of all reported, at least 25% of women experience sexual harassment in the workplace, about 75% of harassment victims experience retaliation when they reported it; and

WHEREAS, with proper education on the matter and comprehensive prevention projects, sexual violence and it’s unfair and traumatizing effects are preventable; and

WHEREAS, the members of the {City, County, State} strongly support the efforts of Peace Over Violence to educate persons in our community about the true impact of sexual harassment, abuse, assault, and rape in Southern California.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the {City, County, State} does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” designates April 28, 2021 as “Denim Day,” and urges everyone to wear jeans on that day to help communicate the message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault, rape.”