



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Government has declared April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and Peace Over Violence Education Campaign has declared April 24, 2019 as “Denim Day” in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, both events are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society, 82% of sexual assaults committed by a friend or acquaintance are not reported to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, harmful attitudes about sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow victim/survivors to be re-victimized; 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 assault; and

WHEREAS, every two minutes, someone in America is sexually assaulted, approximately 1-in-5 women are sexually assaulted during their lifetime and youths under 18 account for about 44% of all reported; and

WHEREAS, with proper education on the matter, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that the Gillette City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as

**“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”
and April 24, 2019 as “Denim Day,”**

and urges everyone to wear jeans on April 24, 2019 to help communicate the message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to commit a crime of sexual violence.”

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

Cindy Staskiewicz, City Clerk
(Attest)