

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the
City of Commerce
Designating the Month of April 2018 as “Sexual Assault Awareness” Month
And Designating April 25, 2018 as “Denim Day”**

WHEREAS, the United States Government has declared April 2018 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and Peace Over Violence has declared April 25, 2018 as “Denim Day” in Los Angeles County; and

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

WHEREAS, International Denim Day has been observed since April 1999 as a symbol of protest in response to an Italian High Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. Every year since, community members, elected officials, businesses and students have organized to make a social statement with their fashion statement and wear jeans as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Approximately one in five women and one in seventy-one men are raped during their lifetime, and nearly one in two women and one in five men have experienced other forms of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, Approximately one in four girls and one in six boys have had an unwanted or abusive sexual experience in childhood; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City of Commerce City Council strongly support the efforts of Peace Over Violence to educate persons in our community about the true impact of rape and sexual assault in Southern California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Commerce does hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”, designates April 25, 2018 as “Denim Day”, and urges everyone to wear jeans on April 25, 2018 to help communicate the message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to rape.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2018.

Oralia Y. Rebollo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk