

WHEREAS, the month of April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month, calling attention to the fact that sexual assault is widespread and harms our community; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that one in five women and one in thirty-three men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day movement is a worldwide effort that started as a grassroots protest against a controversial Italian Supreme Court decision, in which a rape conviction was overturned because the victim was wearing tight jeans at the time of the attack, implying consent; and

WHEREAS, Denim Day seeks to enlist public support in dispelling the inaccurate and destructive misconceptions that surround sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, together we can create a safer environment for the citizens of our community by taking a stand against harmful attitudes and hurtful actions; and

WHEREAS, by participating in Denim Day, we can help spread awareness about the physical and emotional trauma that accompanies sexual assault and show our support for survivors in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando strongly supports the Victim Service Center of Central Florida and their efforts to heal victims, educate and train the community, and stop sexual violence before it starts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim Wednesday, April 26, 2017, as

“Denim Day”

in the City of Orlando, and urge all citizens to wear jeans for Denim Day to stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual assault and promote discussion of the misconceptions that surround sexual violence in our community.