



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Peace Over Violence organization has declared April 24, 2019 as Denim Day; and

WHEREAS, every two minutes, someone in America is sexually assaulted, and approximately 1 in 5 women and 1 in 33 men are raped during their lifetime. Approximately 75% of harassment victims experience retaliation when they report it; and

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

WHEREAS, Denim Day encourages everyone to stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence, and speak up when they hear comments that blame victims or make light of sexual harassment and assault; and

WHEREAS, together when we change how we think and talk about the issue, we can create a culture of respect, equality, and safety for our residents; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Northglenn supports the efforts of Peace Over Violence and the Start by Believing Campaign to educate people in our community about the true impact of sexual violence and to heal victims.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carol Dodge, Mayor of the City of Northglenn do hereby proclaim April 24, 2019 as:

DENIM DAY

in the City of Northglenn and encourage everyone to wear denim on that day to show support for victims of sexual violence and to help communicate the message that there is no excuse and never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault, or rape.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 22nd day of April 2019.

CAROLA DODGE
Mayor

