

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, For the past 22 years, Peace Over Violence has run its “Denim Day” campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the campaign was originally triggered by a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying consent; and

WHEREAS, “Denim Day” is intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society; and

WHEREAS, harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow this violence to persist and for victim/survivors to be re-victimized; and

WHEREAS, “Denim Day” was founded in order to call attention to misconceptions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault, and the problem that many in society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of sexual assault and rape; and

WHEREAS, every two minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted, approximately 1-in-6 women are raped during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, young people under 18 account for about 44% of all reported sexual assaults; and

WHEREAS, people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer or gender non-confirming are nearly four times as likely to be victims of violent crime including rape and sexual assault than non-LGBTQIA+ people; 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

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle invests more than \$12MM in community-based programming to end gender-based violence via prevention, intervention, coordinated response and offender accountability programming; and

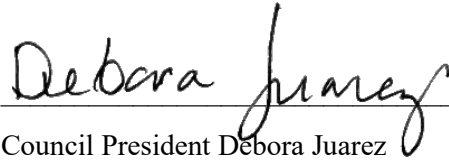
WHEREAS, the City of Seattle supports the efforts of Seattle community-based partners to work towards preventing and ending sexual violence and sexual exploitation;

*NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM
APRIL 27, 2022, TO BE*

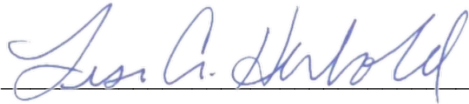
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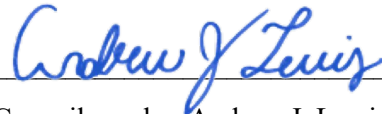
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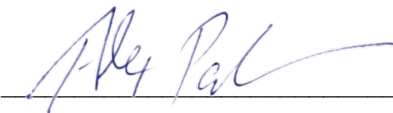
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