

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in our nation as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

**WHEREAS**, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own – we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim’s rights and to increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Every year since 1999 community members, elected officials, businesses and students have organized to make a social statement by wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula is dedicated to support the Denim Day initiative as there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 as;

## DENIM DAY

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 25th day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Engen".

John Engen  
Mayor