

# proclamation

Denim Day | April 24, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month, calling attention to the fact that sexual assault and harassment is widespread and harms our community; 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, and about 75 percent of harassment victims experience retaliation when they reported 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 citizens; 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 Winter Park strongly supports the Victims 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 Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday, April 24, 2019**, as “**Denim Day**” in Winter Park, Florida.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Leary  
Mayor