



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

DENIM DAY

- WHEREAS:** Denim Day is intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remain serious issues in society; and
- WHEREAS:** Many in society are uninformed about issues of assault and forcible rape. Denim Day was instituted to call attention to misconception and misinformation about rape and sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS:** Denim Day has been observed since April 1999 as a symbol of protest in response to a high court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. Every year since, community members, elected officials, business people, and students have organized to make a social statement by wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault or rape; and
- WHEREAS:** Every two minutes, someone in America is sexually assaulted, approximately one in six women are raped during their lifetime, and youths under the age of 18 account for approximately 44 percent of all reported sexual assaults and rapes; and
- WHEREAS:** Groups such as Women in NAACP are committed to educating our communities about the true impact of rape and sexual assault in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2019, as DENIM DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming
CHIEF OF STAFF