



**Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: April 18, 2017

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Julieta Martinez PHONE: 559-636-5000

SUBJECT: Declaration of Denim Day

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a resolution declaring April 26, 2017 as Denim Day in Tulare County.

SUMMARY:

Denim Day originated in 1999 and has been recognized nationally for 18 years. Denim Day was triggered by a ruling of 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. As a form of protest, women in the Italian Parliament went to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

Wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes towards sexual assault. Community members, elected officials, businesses, and students are asked to participate annually by making a social statement with their fashion by wearing jeans on this day as a form of awareness in regards to the misconceptions that surround sexual assault.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Adopt a resolution declaring April 26, 2017 as Denim Day in Tulare County is linked to Strategic Initiative 3: Quality of Life – Promote public health and welfare,

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educational opportunities, natural resource management and continued improvement of environmental quality.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Julieta Martinez

Chief of Staff

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION
DECLARATION OF DENIM DAY**

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) **Resolution No.** _____
) **Agreement No.** _____
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WHEREAS, Wednesday, April 26, 2017, is International Denim Day, a campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about rape and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS: Denim Day has been observed internationally since April 1999 in protest of an Italian High Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. In a statement by the Chief Judge, he argued, "because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex."; and

WHEREAS, enraged by the verdict, women of the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans to work motivating and emboldening the California State Senate and Assembly to do the same; and

WHEREAS, every 2 minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted and rape is one of the country's most under reported crimes; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all who are concerned with the issue of sexual assault to wear jeans to work on April 26, 2017 in support of the belief that no one, by their dress, speech, or anything else, asks a rapist to violate them; that the victim is never to blame; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare wishes to build healthy relationships, families and communities free from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence by encouraging citizens to join in the knowledge that Tulare County Denim Day 2017 is not just a protest, but a commitment to promote understanding and education.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors hereby declare Wednesday, April 26, 2017 as Denim Day in Tulare County.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Adopted a resolution declaring April 26, 2017 as Denim Day in Tulare County.