



PROCLAMATION

"DENIM DAY"

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WHEREAS, the City of North Lauderdale is home to more than 44, 220 residents who deserve to live and grow in healthy, safe, and nurturing environments, free from threats of violence and harm; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault and child abuse result in significant trauma to children, families, and society as it causes serious illness and injury, impairment of physical, intellectual, and emotional functioning or even death; and

WHEREAS; one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives. Also, one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before the age of 18, and nearly 700,000 children are victims of abuse or neglect annually; and

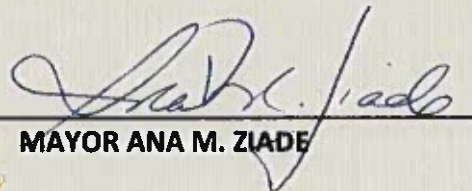
WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Sexual Assault Awareness campaign is "We Can Build Safe Online Spaces" teaching everyone how to practice digital consent, intervene when harmful content or behaviors are seen, and ensure that online spaces — whether workspaces, classrooms, social media platforms, or otherwise — are respectful and safe; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day movement was born in 1999 as a day-long observance dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Lauderdale stands in solidarity with the Denim Day campaign and the activism that surrounds it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, Florida, hereby designates, April 2021, as "**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" and Wednesday, April 28, 2021, as "**DENIM DAY**" in support of a community free from sexual violence and child abuse.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021



MAYOR ANA M. ZIADE

