

OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

NOTICE

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TO: All Department Personnel

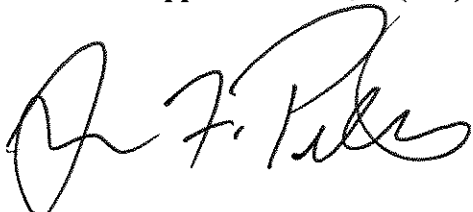
FROM: Director, Office of Support Services

SUBJECT: DENIM DAY 2019

Denim Day is an annual sexual violence prevention and education campaign that will take place citywide on April 24, 2019. It was originally established in 1999 when an Italian Supreme Court decision overturned a rape conviction on the basis that the victim wore tight jeans. The Court stated that the victim must have helped her attacker remove her jeans, from which they inferred consent and reversed the conviction. Within hours, the women of the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans to work, and later that year activists in Los Angeles organized the first Denim Day. Wearing jeans on this day has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

On April 24, 2019, the Los Angeles Police Department is supporting this campaign by allowing our employees to wear jeans. Denim Day coincides with the March of Dimes, Blue Jeans for Babies campaign, but should be recognized as a separate event. Employees may wear jeans only at the discretion of their commanding officer. Jeans must be neat in appearance, free from rips, tears or fraying, and non-faded in color. Personnel assigned to mandatory uniformed assignments having direct contact with the public (i.e. patrol, jail operations, etc.) would not be afforded the option of wearing jeans.

For additional information and to register your participation please visit <http://denimdayinfo.org/register>, or contact Sgt. Joseph Fransen, Office of Support Services, at (213) 486-8410.



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