

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1021

By: Branham, Albright, Baker, Bell, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Brewer, Burns, Bush, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Davis, Dills, Dollens, Dunnington, Echols, Fetgatter, Fincher, Ford, Frix, Fugate, Gann, Goodwin, Grego, Hardin (David), Hardin (Tommy), Hasenbeck, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kannady, Kerbs, Kiger, Lawson, Lepak, Loring, Lowe, Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Meredith, Miller, Mize, Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols, Nollan, O'Donnell, Olsen, Ortega, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Perryman, Pfeiffer, Phillips, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Roe, Rosecrants, Russ, Sanders, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stone, Strom, Tadlock, Talley, Taylor, Townley, Vancuren, Virgin, Waldron, Walke, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Tammy), Worthen and Wright

A Resolution proclaiming the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Wednesday, April 24, 2019, as Denim Day.

WHEREAS, the United States Government has declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the organization known as Peace Over Violence has declared April 24, 2019, as Denim Day; and

WHEREAS, both events are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains a serious issue in our society; and

WHEREAS, harmful attitudes about all forms of sexual violence allow these issues to persist and allow victims and survivors of sexual violence to be revictimized; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment is part of a continuum of violence whose damaging effects are felt throughout our culture; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day were also instituted to call attention to misconceptions and misinformation about sexual violence and the problem that many people in our society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of sexual harassment, assault, abuse and rape; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time to draw attention to the crime of sexual assault which can happen to anyone regardless of gender, race, education, religion, sexual orientation or economic class; and

WHEREAS, youth under eighteen (18) years of age account for about forty-four percent (44%) of all reported sexual assaults, at least twenty-five percent (25%) of women experience sexual harassment in the workplace and about seventy-five percent (75%) of sexual harassment victims experience retaliation when he or she reports it; and

WHEREAS, with proper education on the matter and comprehensive prevention projects, sexual violence and its unfair and traumatizing effects are preventable; and

WHEREAS, members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives strongly support the efforts of Peace Over Violence and the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Oklahoma City to educate persons in our state about the true impact of sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby designate April 24, 2019, as Denim Day and urges everyone to wear jeans on this day to help communicate the message that there is no excuse and there is never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault or rape.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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