RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 29, 2021

Recognizing of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 28, 2021 as "Denim Day"

*W*HEREAS, the United States Government has declared April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and many colleges throughout the nation have taken a stance against sexual violence through the recognition of "Denim Day"; and

*W*HEREAS, both events are intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remain serious issues in our society; and

*W*HEREAS, harmful attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow victims/survivors to be re-victimized; and

*W*HEREAS, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and "Denim Day" are also intended as a means of calling attention to misconceptions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault and the reality that many in today's society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of assault and forcible rape; and

*W*HEREAS, the importance of this issue is underlined by United States Department of Justice statistics indicating that approximately 35 of every 1,000 women who attend colleges or universities experience an attempted or completed rape during each school year; and

*W*HEREAS, with proper education on the matter, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime; and

*W*HEREAS, the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District strongly support the efforts of the Peace Over Violence movement to educate the community about the significant impact of rape and sexual assault in Southern California; now, therefore

*B*E IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District does hereby designate April 28, 2021 as "Denim Day" during the month of April, which is also signified as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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Marcia Milchiker, President

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Kathleen F. Burke, Chancellor