



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the United States Government has declared April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and the Women’s and Children’s Alliance has declared April 29, 2026 as “Denim Day”; and,
- WHEREAS,** both events are intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society; and,
- WHEREAS,** “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and “Denim Day” were also instituted to call attention to misconceptions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault, and the problem that many in society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of assault and forcible rape; and,
- WHEREAS,** with proper education on the matter, there is compelling evidence that we can successfully reduce incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Meridian is an important partner in the Women’s and Children’s Alliance’s efforts to educate our community about the true impact of rape and sexual assault.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, do hereby proclaim April 29th, 2026 as

Denim Day for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to speak out against sexual assault and support local efforts to provide help and healing to victims of these crimes.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2026

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Simison, Mayor, written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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