

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF BLANCO  
DENIM DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month calling attention to the fact that sexual assault and harassment is widespread and harms our community; and

**WHEREAS**, every two minutes, someone in America, is sexually assaulted and approximately 1 in 5 women, and 1 in 33 men, are raped during their lifetime and, about 75% of harassment victims experience retaliation when they reported it; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denim Day movement is a worldwide effort that started as a grassroots protest against an Italian Supreme Court decision, in which a sexual assault conviction was overturned because the victim was wearing tight jeans at the time of the attack; and

**WHEREAS**, Denim Day encourages everyone to stand in solidarity with Survivors of sexual violence, and speak up when they hear comments that blame victims or make light of sexual harassment and assault; and

**WHEREAS**, together when we change how we think and talk about the issue, we can create a culture of respect, equality, and safety for our citizens; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The City of Blanco strongly supports the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center and their efforts to heal victims, educate and train the community, and stop sexual violence before it starts,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The City of Blanco does hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Denim Day and urges the community members to wear jeans on Denim Day to help spread awareness about the physical and emotional trauma that accompanies sexual assault, and to show our support to survivors in our community.

**DENIM DAY 2023**

*Rachel Lumpee* \_\_\_\_\_

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

