

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY SENATORS MIZELL, CLOUD AND HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault and to designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Denim Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1998, a sexual assault case in Italy sparked a worldwide movement after a court ruled that a woman was not assaulted because her jeans were deemed too tight, perpetuating harmful accusations and victim-blaming; and

WHEREAS, this outrageous ruling highlighted the urgent need to challenge societal attitudes toward sexual violence and advocate for justice and support for survivors; and

WHEREAS, Denim Day emerged as a powerful symbol of protest against sexual assault, inviting individuals globally to wear denim to stand in solidarity with survivors and to raise awareness about consent and the importance of putting an end to victim-blaming; and

WHEREAS, on this day we honor sexual assault survivors and strengthen our commitment to creating a world free of sexual violence, where every individual is treated with respect and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA), led by its executive director, Rafael de Castro, is committed to empowering survivors, engaging advocates, and changing systems and social norms to end sexual violence in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, LaFASA is a community leader in promoting awareness of Denim Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault and does hereby designate April 30, 2025, as Denim Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault executive director Rafael de Castro.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE