

PROCLAMATION

presented for

Denim Day Long Beach

April 19, 2006

Whereas, The Long Beach Police Chief's Women's Advisory Group, in partnership with the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency, End Abuse Long Beach, Interval House, Women Shelter of Long Beach, Family Services of Long Beach, and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles will recognize April 19th 2006 as Denim Day Long Beach as part of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

Whereas, Denim Day Long Beach is intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remain serious issues in our society; and

Whereas, 104 rapes were reported to the Long Beach Police Department in 2005; and

Whereas, the importance of this issue is underlined by statistics indicating that approximately 1-in-3 women are raped in adulthood and the sexual assault victimization rate for youths under 18 has been documented at 2.7 times higher than adults; and

Whereas, elimination of sexual assault must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; Denim Day Long Beach provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about sexual assault and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and

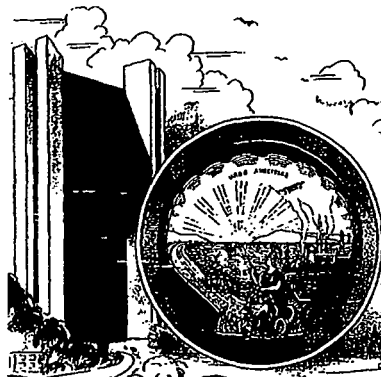
Whereas, with proper education on the matter, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime.

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby declare April 19th, 2006, as "Denim Day Long Beach," and urge the citizens of Long Beach to wear jeans on April 19th to help communicate the message that there is "no excuse and never an invitation to rape."



Beverly O'Neill
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MAYOR

Dated: April 18, 2006



City of Long Beach California

PROCLAMATION

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Arbor Day

April 28, 2006

Whereas, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, sound conservation and responsible maintenance provide improved protection for our trees; and

Whereas, the City of Long Beach is dedicated to protecting our resources and preserving our cultural and natural treasures and we recognize those who are committed to maintain and protect them through sensible tree management; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Furthermore, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and are a source of joy; and

Whereas, we recognize the vital contributions of the Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine employees and volunteers of the City's Tree Committee. These dedicated men and women manage over 330,000 trees for the safety, beautification and a source of pride for our residents and visitors. In working together, we will continue to build a relationship to protect our urban forest; and

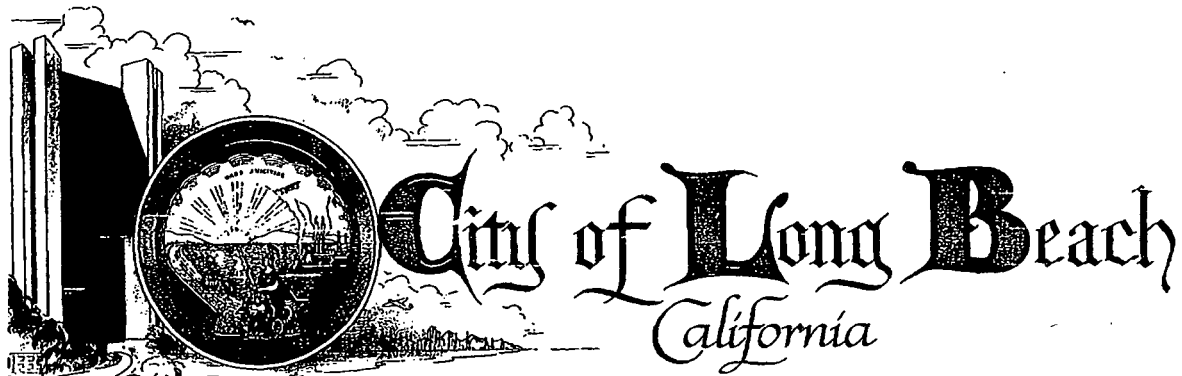
Whereas, in celebration of Arbor Day, the Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine employees will plant a tree in each of our nine Council Districts, to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of this and future generations.

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2006 as Arbor Day in the City of Long Beach. I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to recognize the importance of our parks. I also encourage everyone to learn more about trees and their beauty and environmental significance, and the many ways citizens can volunteer to protect and conserve these precious national resources.



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MAYOR

Dated: April 18, 2006



PROCLAMATION

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Children's Day 12th Anniversary

April 29, 2006

Whereas, Children's Day is dedicated to the hopes of the child within us all and to children everywhere; and

Whereas, Long Beach is continuing to endeavor to set a great example by putting our children and young people and their well being as a top priority in our community; and

Whereas, Children's Day is a time for happiness, to love our children, to uplift and to inspire people of all ages to positive actions, and to aspire to do great things; and

Whereas, Children's Day reminds us for the sake of our children to take care of our Earth, to value education, to make a better world by fostering goodwill, love, peace, kindness, mutual respect, and cooperative win-win attitudes; and

Whereas, Children's Day focuses on inspiring positive actions on how to be better parents and better people, and causes us to think about how what we do affects everything around us and future generations; and

Whereas, a Children's Week leading up to Children's Day is a time to encourage everyone to do something in honor of Children's Day and to help create the custom of Children's Day; and

Whereas, Children's Day focuses on everyone helping to make our world a wonderful place, and is a time to make good dreams come true.

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2006 as Children's Day and encourage the entire community, individuals, churches, organizations, businesses and schools to support Children's Day and by our example to encourage other communities to establish a Children's Day.



Beverly O'Neill
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MAYOR

Dated: April 18, 2006