



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: Tuesday, April 2, 2019	ITEM TIME: 11:05am

FROM:	Advocates of Routt County
TODAY'S DATE:	March 18, 2019
AGENDA TITLE:	April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X ACTION ITEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	
I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:	
Advocates of Routt County's mission is to serve and empower victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and to disrupt all systems that allow such violence to exist in Routt County. Our vision is to end all domestic and sexual violence in Routt County. April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month around the country and we are honored to have the Board of County Commissioners declare April 2019 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Routt County.	
II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (<i>motion</i>):	
Declare April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Routt County, CO.	
III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):	
PROPOSED REVENUE (<i>if applicable</i>): \$	
CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0	
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Explanation:</i>	
IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):	



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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

We hope that you will participate in denim day on Wednesday, April 24th. International Denim Day started in Italy in 1998. An 18 year girl was forcibly raped by her driving instructor who threatened to kill her if she told. She did tell, he was arrested, prosecuted and found guilty. He appealed the case to Parliament which is Italy's version of a Supreme Court. Parliament overturned his conviction and dismissed the case, stating that "because the victim was wearing very, very tight jeans, she must have helped him to remove the jeans and by removing her jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex." **Needless to say many people were enraged by this, the women in parliament and around the community all wore jeans to work the next day in protest. The movement has continued to grow and spread and it now is an international movement and protest against all of the erroneous and destructive attitudes towards victims of sexual assault and to work to dispel the myths about sexual assault. So please join us and wear jeans on April 24th. We will be asking the cities in Routt County and Routt County itself to acknowledge International Denim Day and to allow and encourage employees to wear jeans to work.**

Please also stay tuned for other events that will be happening during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: