RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2020 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
AND APRIL 29, 2020 AS “DENIM DAY” IN BUTTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community. The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. Rape, sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in three girls will experience sexual assault before age 18. On campuses, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign is “I Ask”. The campaign informs individuals on how they can use their words to stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting safety, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, our words shape the world around us. Whether speaking out against locker room talk or helping someone better understand these issues, the community’s voice is powerful and necessary in this conversation; and

WHEREAS, individuals can embrace their voices to show their support for survivors, stand up to victim blaming, shut down rape jokes, correct harmful misconceptions, promote everyday consent, and practice healthy communication with kids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Butte County Board of Supervisor hereby recognizes April 2020 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and April 29, 2020, as Denim Day in Butte County, and joins Rape Crisis Intervention and Prevention, sexual assault advocates, and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Butte County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of April, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Connelly, Lucero, Ritter, Teeter, and Chair Lambert
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Steve Lambert, Chair
Butte County Board of Supervisors

Shari Mccracken, Chief Administrative Officer
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Deputy