



*A Special Message from
Governor Josh Green, M.D.
In Recognition of*



Call to Action for Denim Day

I am honored to commend the Zonta Club of Kaua'i for selecting "Denim on Denim" for their theme this year, which is a call to action for all people to come together by wearing denim as a visible sign of protest against sexual assault violence.

The National Denim Day is designated on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as an important component of the Denim Day Campaign. Denim Day was created following a ruling from the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove her jeans thereby implying consent. Women of the Italian Parliament protested the decision by wearing jeans to work and showing their unity against assault and blame.

On behalf of the people of the Aloha State, I extend a warm "Mahalo" to the Zonta Club and encourage everyone to wear denim on Denim Day, Wednesday 26, 2023, and remember that as a state, we have a responsibility to care for each other, look out for one another, and create a safe community for everyone.

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