



TUOLUMNE BAND OF ME-WUK INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

from the **Domestic Violence Prevention Team**

“SEXUAL ASSAULT IS NOT OUR TRADITION”



April 2024

**Sexual Assault
Awareness Month**

**STANDING IN SOLIDARITY
WITH SURVIVORS OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT ON DENIM
DAY- APRIL 24, 2024.**

WHAT IS DENIM DAY?

In Italy in 1992, an 18-year-old girl was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor. The rape conviction went to the Supreme Court but was overturned. The court cited that her jeans were too tight, and that she must have helped the perpetrator remove her jeans thus constituting it as consensual.

On average, Native American and Alaska Natives, ages 12 and older experience 5,900 sexual assaults per year.

- o Native Americans are twice as likely to experience a rape/sexual assault compared to all other races.*
- o 41% of sexual assaults against Native American are committed by a stranger, 34% by an acquaintance, and 25% by an intimate partner or family member.*

Denim Day is an International Day of Awareness, where we wear denim in solidarity to combat victim blaming and to help spread the importance of sexual violence prevention. Stop by one of our Social Services offices at 19595 Mi Wu St., Tuolumne or 14520 Mono Way, Suite 200, Sonora to sign and pledge to wear denim on April 24th in honor of sexual assault survivors or call 209.459.0000 for more information!

***THIS APRIL 24TH, WE WILL SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY BY SIGNING
A PLEDGE AND PARTICIPATING IN DENIM DAY!***

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