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Executive Officer Statement

Sacramento, CA — California Victim Compensation Program Executive Officer, Julie Nauman, released the following statement regarding Denim Day to raise awareness for sexual assault.

“Tomorrow, individuals, businesses, organizations, and schools across the country and around the world will participate in Denim Day in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

“Denim Day was originally triggered by an Italian Supreme Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction. The justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove them, thereby implying consent.

“The case made international headlines and the woman’s jeans became a symbol of the many tragic misconceptions that still surround sexual violence. Even though this is one woman’s story, it represents so many untold and unknown cases where victims were wrongfully blamed.

“Nearly one third of all CalVCP victim assistance applications are domestic violence and sexual assault related claims, underlining the importance of raising awareness of this issue and finding ways to work together to create change. Tomorrow, CalVCP will stand with millions around the world by wearing denim to work. Please join us tomorrow in raising awareness and supporting victims of sexual assault.”

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted over 800 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims’ rights and services, visit CalVCP at calvcp.ca.gov.