

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 18-24, 2010 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 18-24, 2010 is designated as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in order to increase awareness of victims' rights and of the emotional, physical, psychological and financial harm that 21 million American crime victims suffer each year; and

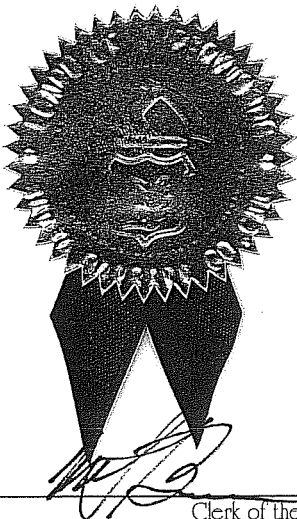
WHEREAS, 25 years ago the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime drew attention to the poor treatment of victims in the criminal justice system, and on November 4, 2008, the State of California passed the Victims Bill of Rights, amending the California Constitution to provide critical victims rights; and

WHEREAS, treating victims with dignity serves the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities and promoting confidence in public safety; and

WHEREAS, we must work to ensure fair treatment of crime victims by providing protections for child and sexual assault victims, ordering and enforcing victim restitution from offenders and notifying victims of their rights to compensation and services, thereby giving hope to victims that the system and society will work to restore dignity and respect their needs and rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 18-24 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase awareness of victims' rights and to express appreciation for those victims of crime who have turned personal tragedy into a motivational force.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 20th day of April, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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