

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF**  
**APRIL 22-28, 2012 AS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**  
**IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

**CALIFORNIA**

*WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and*

*WHEREAS, the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime falls on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds. In addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that, at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims. The nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support; and*

*WHEREAS, today, thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse, stalking victims, survivors of homicide victims, victims of drunk-driving crashes, and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes; and*

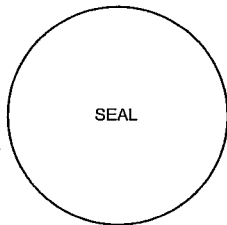
*WHEREAS, now is the time to "Extend the Vision" through a comprehensive strategy for reaching and serving every victim of crime, especially traditionally underserved victims such as those with disabilities and victims from diverse cultures; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has launched the Vision 21 initiative to renew our nation's commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and*

*WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, 2012, provides an opportunity to extend that vision to every victim of crime in the United States-to help ensure their access to the help they deserve and the rights they are promised.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors declares the week of April 22-28, 2012 as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Santa Barbara County.*

*PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

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