



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution Declaring the Week of April 6-12, 2025 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week

WHEREAS, over 4,000 individuals are directly harmed by crime each year in Santa Barbara County, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, recognizing our shared humanity is essential to supporting all survivors and victims of crime, and this year's theme of "Kinship" emphasizes the importance of standing with survivors to foster critical connections to services, rights, and healing. Kinship is the foundation of victim advocacy, ensuring that those affected by crime receive the support and resources they need to heal and seek justice; and

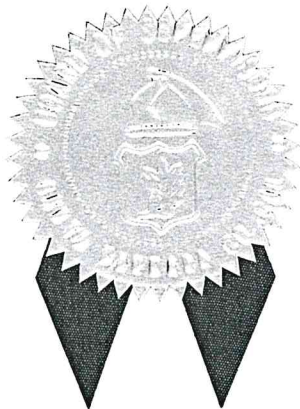
WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney Victim-Witness Assistance Program is designated by the Board of Supervisors as the primary provider of support to victims of violent crime, and provides services such as crisis intervention, resource and referrals, orientation to the criminal justice system, court support and advocacy, and crime victim compensation to help mitigate the negative impacts of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors the progress that has been made on behalf of millions of victims since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act in 1984; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week challenges our community and our victim service providers, criminal justice partners, and concerned citizens to promote victims' rights initiatives and the need for effective and compassionate victim services, and financial and emotional support for all those affected by crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares the week of April 6-12, 2025 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Santa Barbara County, thereby reaffirming the County's commitment to respecting and enforcing victims' rights, and expressing our appreciation to all of the victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into action in order to build a more just community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 8th day of April 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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