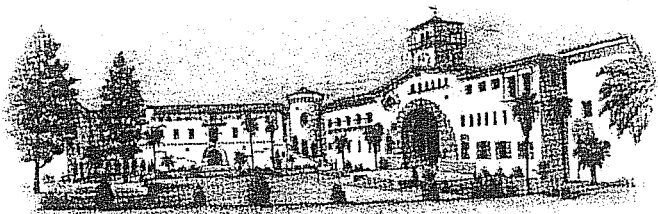


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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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*WHEREAS, the lives of children, women, men, extended families and communities continue to be negatively and often severely impacted by crime*

*WHEREAS, the criminal justice system would fail to function without the cooperation of victims and witnesses; and*

*WHEREAS, a fair and balanced criminal justice system must ensure that the needs and rights of victims are not overlooked in the process of protecting the rights of the accused; and*

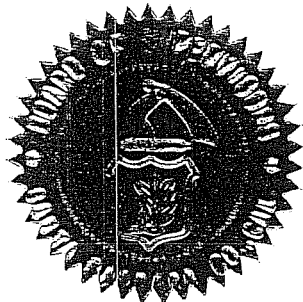
*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office through its Victim Witness Assistance Program offers information, support, referrals, and State Victim Compensation Program to victims of crime to mitigate the trauma, and*

*WHEREAS, victims and witnesses who have suffered loss and trauma deserve fair and sensitive treatment by representatives of the criminal justice system; and*

*WHEREAS, the observance of Victim's Rights Week provides an opportunity to inform the public of the problems, needs, and rights of victims and witnesses, and of the range of services and assistance available, and to acknowledge the efforts of concerned citizens, law makers and the criminal justice system to provide and continue to improve those services;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors proclaims April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup> as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, and urges all residents to be part of the solution to reducing crime in our County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board