



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**Resolution Declaring the Week of April 21-27, 2024
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, crime leaves a lasting physical, emotional, and financial impact on people of all ages, abilities, and economic, racial, and social backgrounds, and this year's theme of "How would you help?" sheds light on the options, services, and hope for crime survivors. We call upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating safe environments for crime victims to share their stories and experiences in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney Victim-Witness Assistance Program is the primary provider of help and support to victims of violent crime, and provides services such as court support and advocacy, obtaining crime victim compensation in an attempt to mitigate the negative impacts of crime, and assistance with navigating the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors the extraordinary 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 21 – 27, 2024 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 23rd day of April 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monica Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

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