



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 - 14, 2018 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, over 3,500 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 "Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims" emphasizes the importance of inclusion, addresses how the victim services field can better ensure that every crime victim has access to services and support, and also addresses how professionals, organizations, and communities can work together to reach all victims; 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 8 - 14, 2018 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monique Poyatos*  
Clerk of the Board

*Pasqually*  
Supervisor - 1st District

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