



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 2 – 8, 2017 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 and abilities, and all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

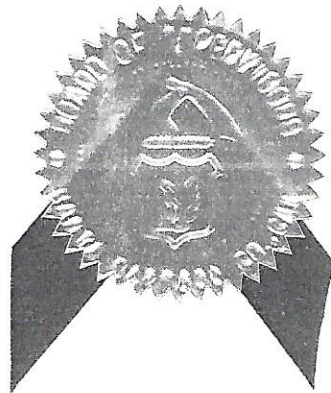
WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney Victim-Witness Assistance Program is the primary provider of help and support to victims of violent crime, and provides such services as court support and advocacy, assistance in navigating the criminal justice system, and obtaining crime victim compensation in an attempt to mitigate the negative impacts of crime; 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 its victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, 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 2 – 8, 2017 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Santa Barbara County, thereby reaffirming the County's commitment to respect and enforce 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 4th day of April 2017, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monique Sato
Clerk of the Board

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