



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution for National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 19-25th, 2015 Engaging Communities Empowering Victims

Whereas, in Santa Barbara County more than 3500 individuals are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers;

Whereas, crime leaves a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds;

Whereas, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office Victim-Witness Assistance Program is designated by the Board of Supervisors the primary provider of help and support to Victims of Violent Crime advocating on behalf of victims of crime, assisting victims navigate the criminal justice system and obtain crime victim compensation in an attempt to mitigate the negative impacts of crime;

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25th, honoring the extraordinary progress we have made on behalf of millions of victims since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act in 1984, and challenging our community and it's victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

It is hereby ordered and resolved that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of April 19-25, 2015, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm the County of Santa Barbara's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into action to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

Passed and adopted by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, and this 21st day of April 2015 by unanimous vote of the members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Negrete
Clerk of the Board

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