



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21 – 27, 2013 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, 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 performs such services as court support and advocacy, crisis intervention counseling, assistance in navigating the criminal justice system, and obtaining financial restitution for victims in an attempt to mitigate the negative impacts of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week celebrates the many strides made in the victims' rights movement and challenges our community's victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens to promote victims' rights initiatives and the need for effective and compassionate victim services, just compensation, 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, 2013 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Santa Barbara County, thereby reaffirming the County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights, and allowing us to express 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 16th day of April 2013, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Waller
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