

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 7 - 13, 2019 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 individuals are directly harmed by crime in Santa Barbara County each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office Victim-Witness Assistance Program is designated by the Board of Supervisors as the primary provider of help and support to victims of violent crime, and fulfills these duties by advocating on behalf of victims, assisting victims with navigating the criminal justice system, and obtaining victim compensation in an attempt to mitigate the negative impacts of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors the extraordinary progress we have made on behalf of millions of victims since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act in 1984, and encourages our community and its victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirms the County of Santa Barbara's commitment to respecting and enforcing victims' rights, and expresses our appreciation for those victims and survivors who have turned personal tragedy into action in an effort to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District