



*Proclaiming*

*April 21 – 27, 2024*

*National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ventura County*

*WHEREAS, surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial impacts; and*

*WHEREAS, countless survivors of crime remain silent and never tell anyone about what happened to them and never receive the assistance they need; and*

*WHEREAS, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing crime victims' rights; and*

*WHEREAS, it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope; and*

*WHEREAS, victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members are all capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support; and*

*WHEREAS, we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice; and*


*WHEREAS, we must show survivors that hope — the belief that the future will be better — is tangible and within their reach; and*

*WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?"; and*

*WHEREAS, the County of Ventura is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in the Ventura County, and honors crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year.

*Presented on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024*

  
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