



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
PROCLAIMS
APRIL 7-13, 2019
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

WHEREAS, IN 1982, THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON VICTIMS OF CRIME ENVISIONED A NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO A MORE EQUITABLE AND SUPPORTIVE RESPONSE TO VICTIMS; AND

WHEREAS, THIS COMMEMORATIVE WEEK CELEBRATES THE ENERGY, PERSEVERANCE AND COMMITMENT THAT LAUNCHED THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS MOVEMENT, INSPIRED ITS PROGRESS, AND CONTINUES TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE FOR CRIME VICTIMS; AND

WHEREAS, CRIME CAN LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON ANY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, CREED, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, IMMIGRATION, OR ECONOMIC STATUS; AND

WHEREAS, INCORPORATING COMMUNITIES' EXISTING EXPERTS AND TRUSTED SOURCES OF SUPPORT INTO EFFORTS TO FULLY SERVE SURVIVORS WILL DEVELOP A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONSE THAT IS TRULY ACCESSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF CRIME; AND

WHEREAS, WITH THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS BEHIND THEM, SURVIVORS WILL BE EMPOWERED TO FACE THEIR GRIEF, LOSS, FEAR, ANGER, AND HOPE WITHOUT FEAR OF JUDGMENT, AND WILL FEEL UNDERSTOOD, HEARD, AND RESPECTED; AND

WHEREAS, SERVING VICTIMS AND REBUILDING THEIR TRUST RESTORES HOPE TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS, AS WELL AS SUPPORTS THRIVING COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, ENGAGING A BROADER ARRAY OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, FAITH ORGANIZATIONS, EDUCATORS AND BUSINESSES CAN PROVIDE NEW LINKS BETWEEN VICTIMS AND SERVICES THAT IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY, HEALING, AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE; AND


WHEREAS, HONORING THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS TO BE HEARD AND TO BE TREATED WITH FAIRNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT, AND WORKING TO MEET THEIR NEEDS REBUILDS THEIR TRUST IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOMMIT ENSURING THAT ALL VICTIMS OF CRIME - ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE CHALLENGING TO REACH OR SERVE - ARE OFFERED CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY ACCESSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE SERVICES IN THE AFTERMATH OF CRIME; AND

WHEREAS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ELLIE LISTON CRIME VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS HEREBY DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS IN THE AFTERMATH OF CRIME, BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR VICTIM RESPONDERS, AND WORKING FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 7-13, 2019, AS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, AND HONORS CRIME VICTIMS AND THOSE ADVOCATES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO SERVE THEM DURING THIS WEEK AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

PRESENTED ON THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2019



CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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