BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No	
Designating the Week of April 6 – April 12, 2014, as)
National Crime Victims' Rights Week)
in Monterey County)

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, and financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that, at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect; and

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, the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support; and

WHEREAS, today, thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of new crimes like cybercrime and terrorism and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, or questioning; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of Monterey County has established an active Victim Assistance Program which has been assisting victims and witnesses of crime for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Monterey County District Attorney's Victim of Crime Unit provided services to over 1,918 new crime victims in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County District Attorney's Victims of Crime Unit is joining forces with other victim service organizations, criminal justice officials, law enforcement and concerned citizens throughout Monterey County and America to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week, "30 Years; Restoring the Balance of Justice."

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County supports the mission and goals of 2014 National Crime Victims' Rights Week to increase public awareness of:

- (A) recommit to working together to insist on better treatment of victims; and
- (B) help victims and survivors overcome the harm caused by crime;
- (C) join forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Monterey County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County reaffirms a commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during April 6 to April 12, 2014, Monterey County Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our appreciation of those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community **and be it further**

Resolved, that this official resolution be presented April 18, 2014.	d to the Monterey County District Attorney's Vi	ictims of Crime Unit on
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I, Lew Bauman, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors foregoing is a true copy of an original order of sai page of Minute Book , on April *, 2014.	•	
DATED: , 2014		
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