

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Proclamation No.:

Adopt proclamation, proclaiming the Week of April 7– April 13, 2019)
as *National Crime Victims’ Rights Week* in Monterey County.....)

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 victim’s 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, the District Attorney of Monterey County has established an active Victim Assistance Program which has been assisting victims and witnesses of crime for over **thirty-nine** years; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Victim of Crime Unit provided **14,000** mandated services to over **3,000** new crime victims in Monterey County; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County reaffirms commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this official proclamation be presented to the Monterey County District Attorney's Victims of Crime Unit on **April 12, 2019**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2019 upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof at page -- of Minute Book, on April 2, 2019.

DATED:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California
