



## Monterey County

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### Board Order

#### Resolution No. 14-071

Upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Salinas and carried by those members present, the Board of Supervisors hereby:

Adopted Resolution designating the Week of April 6-April 12, 2014 as National Crime Victims Rights Week in Monterey County. (Full Board)

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Calcagno, Armenta, Salinas, Parker and Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 of Minute Book 77 for the meeting on April 1st, 2014.

Dated: April 3, 2014  
File Number: CR 14-060

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By Denise Hancock  
Denise Hancock, Deputy

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

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*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 **10,772** mandated 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 to the Monterey County District Attorney's Victims of Crime Unit on April 18, 2014.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Salinas and carried this 1st day of April 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Calcagno, Armenta, Salinas, Parker and Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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