

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 19- April 25, 2026 as **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** in the County of Monterey.

WHEREAS, this year's **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** theme, "Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect Victims. Serve Communities" calls upon our community to recognize the importance of listening to victims, survivors, and families who have lost loved ones to violence, and responding with compassion, support, and meaningful action; and

WHEREAS, crime affects individuals, families, and communities in profound and varied ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional, and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, listening to victims and survivors honors their experiences and affirms their voices, while acknowledging the resilience of those who continue to live with the impact of crime and the enduring grief of families who have lost loved ones to violence; and

WHEREAS, acting to support victims means ensuring access to trauma-informed services, resources, and information that promote healing and help survivors and families navigate the justice process; and

WHEREAS, advocating for victims strengthens protections for their rights, promotes fairness and dignity within the criminal justice system, and ensures that survivors and their loved ones are treated with respect and compassion; and

WHEREAS, protecting victims and serving communities requires collaboration among victim advocates, law enforcement, service providers, and community members to build safer and more supportive environments for all; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office, County of Monterey, has established an active Victim Assistance Program which has been assisting victims and witnesses of crime for over **forty-eight** years; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the County of Monterey, District Attorney's office, Victims of Crime Unit, provided **35,473** mandated services to over **3,948** new crime victims; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is hereby reaffirming our dedication to listening to victims, acting with compassion, advocating for justice, and supporting survivors and families impacted by violence so that healing, accountability, and hope remain possible within our communities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2026, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by _____ Supervisor _____ 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 of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy