

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of April 21- April 27, 2024 as **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, this year's **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?";

WHEREAS, this question encourages victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members to actively engage in victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support;

WHEREAS, surviving a crime can have many lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues;

WHEREAS, we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them;

WHEREAS, each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope;

WHEREAS, we must work together to listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice;

WHEREAS, we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope – the belief that the future will be better – is not just tangible but within their reach;

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-six** years;

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County of Monterey, District Attorney's Office, Victims of Crime Unit, provided **24,244** mandated services to over **3,162** new crime victims;

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby reaffirms commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** and throughout the year; and expressing 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy