NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK MELINDA OAKLEY-VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE LIAISON, COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

"I am passionate about social justice and equity and believe that we can have communities that are safe and thriving. I trust that we all possess the ability to grow and become better versions of ourselves. The power to affect change is within all of us. It is comprised of our actions, great or small that inspires others."

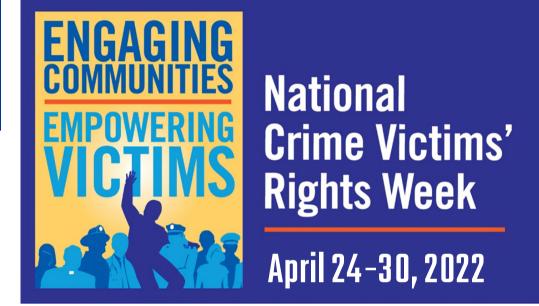
In support of National Crime Victim's Week, I believe it's important we remember our department's core values as we provide service to our clients and most certainly the victims of crime.

Our DPOs provide resources and support information to ensure victim rights are enforced. We support victim's rights by doing our due diligence in ensuring our probation clients are adhering to their court conditions to making restitution to the victim. When a victim has incurred losses, the Probation Pre-Sentence Report contains a recommendation as to the appropriate amount of restitution to be awarded to the victim. Once a disposition has occurred and the offender has been placed on probation (community) supervision, our supervision DPOs are responsible for the monitoring of the clients' monthly payments towards their financial obligation with victim's restitution being the priority. It is such an important part of our service to the community.

As we celebrate and support the National Crime Victim's week, let us continue to show our commitment to our departments mission by holding ourselves accountable for ensuring the rights of victims and providing quality services to our clients.

Thank you for your hard work and great service.

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Resources

Los Angeles County Probation Department Victim's Assistance (661) 481-4811 Melinda.Oakley@probation.lacounty.gov

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services 1-800-380-3811. Website

Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) 1-877-411-5588. Website

> **National Center for Victims of Crime** 1-855-4VICTIM (1-855-484-2846). Website

California Attorney General's Office – Victims Services Unit 1-877-433-9069 or email: VictimServices@doj.ca.gov Website

> Victims of Crime Resource Center (VCRC) 1-800-VICTIMS (1-800-842-8467) or email: 1800VICTIMS@pacific.edu Website

Melinda Oakley serves as the County of Los Angeles, Probation Department's Victim's Assistance Liaison. For 20 years, she has been responsible for the community supervision of both youth and adults. She is a certified Domestic Violence Advocate, Domestic Violence/ Intimate partner Violence subject matter expert and is a certified Peer Support Representative. Additionally, she is a member of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV).

National Crime Victims' Rights Week has been celebrated every April since 1981 and is dedicated to learning about victimization and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime.

Each year, communities across the USA honor those before us who have helped to establish victim rights and renew the commitment to guarantee that all victims have the rights and services they need to recover from crime. Commemorative events include marches, treeplanting ceremonies, and other activities.

The 2022 NCVRW theme is **Rights**, Access, Equity, For All Victims. This year's theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

The 2022 NCVRW Resource Guide is available HERE and contains a wide array of outreach tools and sample materials to help you develop and carry out your NCVRW awareness campaign and other public awareness campaigns throughout the year.

To receive information about commemorations and nomination periods for the National Crime Victims' Service Awards, sign up here for the NCVRW subscription list.