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Proclaiming National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Here in Los Angeles County, we are dedicated to public safety and the protection of the rights of crime victims. The rights of crime victims are best protected when all those involved in the criminal justice process are aware of victims’ rights.

Every April, we observe National Crime Victim’s Rights Week to bring awareness and uplift the survivors of crime. This week also serves to highlight accomplishments at the local, state, and federal level – demonstrating the power of collaboration when all participants are invested in the rights of crime victims.

This year’s theme is “Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change”1, which “calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and create environments where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.”2 The Board recognizes the importance of these voices to feel believed and heard.

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1 https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/national-crime-victims-rights-week/overview

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National Crime Victims Week provides us the opportunity to recommit to our role in ensuring services are accessible and provided to all victims of crime. Los Angeles County is dedicated to this role, and we will continue to work in solidarity to build resiliency in our communities to bring hope and healing to all victims and survivors.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of April 23 - 29, 2023, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” throughout Los Angeles County.

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