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Proclaiming April 21-27, 2024 as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week

This year, April 21-27, 2024 will commemorate National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) and this year’s theme is “How Would You Help? Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors”. This is a real opportunity for the departments within Los Angeles County (County) to examine current services and resources to ensure that our response, engagement, and support is trauma-informed and focused as well as victim and survivor-centered.

Communities throughout the country will be commemorating NCVRW through vigils, resource fairs, awareness events, and others to not only uplift victims and survivors of crime, but to also provide safe spaces for survivors to receive and benefit from services geared towards them.

The County’s Board of Supervisors (Board) has also made efforts to be more inclusive in its definition of crime victims and survivors to include those who have been victimized by law enforcement misconduct and harm by making the Family Assistance

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Program permanent in 2022.¹

Creating safe spaces, providing tailored services, decreasing stigma, and increasing support will ensure we all help to create safer communities for all.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 21-27, 2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Los Angeles County.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Communications to promote and highlight, including in high-usage languages, on the County's website:

1. NCVRW events, including:
 - a. District Attorney's Annual NCVRW awards ceremony for the Bureau of Victim Services staff and community groups;
 - b. An in-person/online panel discussion with the District Attorney's Crime Victims Advisory Board focusing on "solutions to filling gaps in victim service delivery";
2. County staff who work with victims and survivors of crime; and
3. Other events hosted or supported by other County departments.

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¹ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/168232.pdf>