

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/136

PROCLAIMING APRIL 10-16, 2016 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year and these crimes can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;

Whereas, Many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, Deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others;

Whereas, Too many communities feel disconnected from the justice and social response systems, and have lost in the ability of those systems to recognize them and respond to their needs;

Whereas, Victims of repeat victimization who fail to receive support services are at greater risk for long term consequences of crime;

Whereas, The victim services community has worked for decades to create an environment for victims that is safe, supportive, and effective;

Whereas, Intervening early with services that support and empower victims provides a pathway to recovery from crime and abuse;

Whereas, Honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;

Whereas, Serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities;

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2016, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime;

Whereas, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is joining forces with the victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Contra Costa County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Right Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors does hereby reaffirm their commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year, and is hereby dedicated to serving victims, building trust and restoring hope for justice and healing:

CANDACE ANDERSEN

Chair,
District II Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO
District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 12, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy