

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/99

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2-8, 2017 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals, and communities;

Whereas, Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment;

Whereas, A trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors;

Whereas, Unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma;

Whereas, Victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services and participate in the justice process;

Whereas, A multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims - especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations;

Whereas, Strengthening the multidisciplinary response - bringing diverse skills, perspectives, and understandings together in the service of victims - also serves to build the resilience of those responders, by strengthening the confidence in their roles, abilities, and sense of contribution;

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 2-8, 2017, provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime - especially those who are challenging to reach or serve - are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 2-8, 2017, as Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm their commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime; and to express 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. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors announces the 7th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Recognition Ceremony to be hosted by the District Attorney on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at the Board of Supervisors' chambers located at 651 Pine Street, Martinez.

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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: March 28, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy