

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

**In the matter of:
National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2022**

Resolution No. 2022/144

Whereas, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

Whereas, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

Whereas, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

Whereas, incorporating communities' exiting experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

Whereas, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

Whereas, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as supports thriving communities; and

Whereas, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

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

Whereas, Contra Costa County is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future of all victims and survivors.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of April 24-30, 2022, as Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming the County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice system response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing 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.

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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: April 26, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy