

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing April 24-30, 2022 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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' existing 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 work through their anger, sense of fear, overwhelming grief and gain hope without judgement. This will allow them to feel understood, heard and respected; and

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust, in turn, 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 and respect, and working to meet their needs, rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems, in the repercussions of crime; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims the week of April 24-30, 2022, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in 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.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 26th day of April 2022.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair,
District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III 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 26, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By , Deputy

