

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Support Victims, Build Trust, Engage Communities
Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 21-27, 2024

WHEREAS, surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues; and

WHEREAS, we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them; and

WHEREAS, each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members can provide victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support; and

WHEREAS, we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice; and

WHEREAS, we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope — the belief that the future will be better — is not just tangible but within their reach; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?"

WHEREAS, *Mendocino County* is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2024, as:

"Crime Victims' Rights Week"

Dated:

Maureen Mulheren, Chair