

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING RIGHTS, ACCESS, EQUITY, FOR ALL VICTIMS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK: APRIL 24-30 2022

WHEREAS, the term "victim" is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go along with it; and

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed here in California and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers and allied professionals can reach more victims through innovative, trauma-informed programs, such as telehealth services and multidisciplinary teams; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers and allied professionals can increase access to victim services and compensation in areas that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality by implementing culturally responsive services; and

WHEREAS, equity and inclusion are fundamental prerequisites to survivor care, and survivor-led services that provide victims with opportunities to share their experiences are essential blueprints for support; and

WHEREAS, Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County is hereby dedicated to helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims the week of April 24-30, 2022, as:

"Crime Victims' Rights Week"

Dated: April 19, 2022

Ted Williams, Chair