

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope  
Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 19-25, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims;

**WHEREAS**, crime victims' rights acts passed here in California and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process;

**WHEREAS**, advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts;

**WHEREAS**, supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals;

**WHEREAS**, we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives;

**WHEREAS**, advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts;

**WHEREAS**, the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement—achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the country—inspire in us hope for future progress and greater healing;

**WHEREAS**, we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future;

**WHEREAS**, National 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**, *the County of Mendocino* 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 justice for all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims April 19-25, 2020, as:

**“Crime Victims’ Rights Week”**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

John Haschak, Chair \_\_\_\_\_