

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

**Support Victims, Build Trust, Engage Communities
Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 18-24 2021**

WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, progress in improving the treatment of crime victims has been made through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their own experiences into a force for positive change, ensuring that others can receive justice, meaningful assistance, and compassionate treatment before the law; 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

WHEREAS, s individuals' trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted, and coordinated outreach;

WHEREAS, identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime—especially those from groups that often have less access to healing services and avenues to justice—is essential;

WHEREAS, our community's continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost, and that new ground is broken to gain greater justice and healing for all victims;

WHEREAS, *Mendocino County* is hereby dedicated to supporting victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building trust among our clients; collaborating with other service providers, and engaging our community in response efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaim the week of April 18-24, 2021, as:

“Crime Victims' Rights Week”

Dated: April 20, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair