

# PROCLAMATION

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### MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### RECOGNIZING LISTEN. ACT. ADVOCATE CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK: APRIL 19-25, 2026

**WHEREAS**, crime in America has a devastating impact on victims and survivors, and tears at the social fabric of our society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, no victim or survivor should have to endure the trauma of victimization and its impact – physical, financial, emotional, spiritual and social – alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the commUNITY of crime victims and survivors, those who serve them, and countless allies work together to ensure that victims' needs are identified and met with quality, collaborative and comprehensive services; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 12,000 system- and community-based victim services programs across the Nation that help crime survivors and promote community safety, and over 32,000 laws that define and protect victims' rights; and

**WHEREAS**, 2026 is the 45th anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, this time-honored tradition unites all who care about crime, victimization and survivors to acknowledge and honor survivors, their challenges and their strengths; and

**WHEREAS**, during 2026 National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 19 to 25 – we recommit our efforts to promote and strengthen the extensive commUNITY that supports and serves victims and survivors of crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, with this proclamation amplifying our commitment to ensure that crime victims' rights and services are not only recognized annually but provided daily. hereby proclaims the week of April 19-25, 2026, as:

**"Crime Victims' Rights Week"**

Dated:

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Bernie Norvell, Chair