

# PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21 to 27, 2024 AS  
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK*

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**PROCLAIMED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, surviving a crime can result in a myriad of lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, as we reflect on the events of the past year in our community, we think of our friends, neighbors, and our family members who became victims of crime in our neighborhoods, in our schools, and in our places of work; and,

**WHEREAS**, countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them; and

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

**WHEREAS**, victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, friends, neighbors, family members, and colleagues are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Victim Services Division of the District Attorney’s Office is dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors, and, in 2023, supported nearly 10,000 victims of crime, assisted victims more than 2,300 times in creating and delivering victim impact statements, and requested more than 4.6 million dollars in restitution from criminal defendants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Victim Services Division is committed to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence to be seen, heard, believed, and supported; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week encourages all people to ask the question, “How can I help a victim of a crime?”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates **April 21 – 27, 2024 as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK** in the County of San Mateo and encourages everyone to recommit efforts to ensuring that victims of crime receive all appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving response to victims of crime so that they may find assistance, support, justice and peace.

**Dated: April 23, 2024**

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors