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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-094** 

## IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING APRIL 6-12, 2025) AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

**WHEREAS,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time to honor crime victims and survivors, recognize the professionals and volunteers who provide critical services to victims of crime, and raise awareness about the rights and services of crime victims; and

**WHEREAS,** when any citizen of Fresno County or throughout the State is harmed by crime, then all Americans are touched by the devastating results. Serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center continues to provide a "Voice for Victims" and much needed services to victims and witnesses of crime throughout the County of Fresno; and

**WHEREAS,** under the guidance and direction of Fresno County Probation Department's James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center, more than 8,000 crime victims were served in 2024 and historically over one million dollars in State Compensation Funds are received annually by victims of crime in Fresno County; and

**WHEREAS,** during the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, and throughout the year, Fresno County joins together to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week to reaffirm its commitment to respect and endorse crime victims' rights and address their needs.

**WHEREAS,** the Fresno County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of public health and reaffirms its commitment to provide the best opportunities and outcomes of health for all residents, now and in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby commends the Fresno County Probation Department's James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center and proclaim April 6 through April 12, 2025, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in the County of Fresno. This year's theme is: Connecting < KINSHIP > Healing. The theme of KINSHIP is a call to action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime. KINSHIP is a state of being with survivors that drives vital connections and increases access to services, rights, and healing. KINSHIP is where victim advocacy begins.

**THE FOREGOING,** was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, to-wit:

AYES:

Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco

NOES: ABSENT: None None

ABSTAINED:

None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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