

# PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, the District Attorney Victim Witness Office has provided services to thousands of crime victims, witnesses, and their families and loved ones each year; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of crime, and their loved ones, often face severe financial, physical, and psychological trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, Victim Witness Advocates and other staff are available to answer questions and help victims and their families cope with the trauma they have experienced, as well as the often complicated criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, an effective and fair criminal justice system must recognize the rights of victims and balance them with those of the accused; and

**WHEREAS**, all agencies are encouraged to strengthen partnerships to coordinate direct and referral services to crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to increase their awareness of the impact of violent crime, the needs of crime victims and the vital services DA Victim Witness has to offer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, recognizes **April 23-29, 2023 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week** and expresses appreciation to the District Attorney Victim Witness Office for **the 41 years of dedicated service** to the citizens of Humboldt County.

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STEVE MADRONE, Chair