

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
 FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL COUNTY  
 SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution in support of National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 20-24, 2020 )  
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 ) RESOLUTION 20-04-16-1

*WHEREAS*, over 150,000 Oregonians are directly harmed by crime each year, and the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime falls on people of all ages and abilities, who come from all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and these crimes affect many more family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and,

*WHEREAS*, victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services, and participate in the justice process; and,

*WHEREAS*, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and,

*WHEREAS*, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; and,

*WHEREAS*, we celebrate those who provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence, and many other life altering crimes and their commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and to address their needs; and,

*WHEREAS*, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit and ensuring that all victims of crime are afforded their rights; and,

*WHEREAS*, Yamhill County is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors; and,

*NOW, THEREFORE*, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 20-24, 2020 as:

**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

and reaffirm Yamhill County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Done this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Accepted by Yamhill County Board of Commissioners on 4/16/2020 by Board Order # 20-12-7