

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-3

AGENDA DATE: March 14, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim April 2, 2017 through April 8, 2017 as Crime Victim's Rights Week in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-109

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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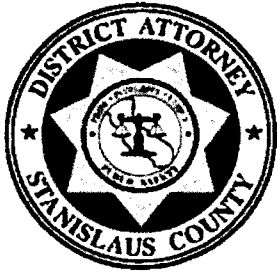
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim April 2, 2017 through April 8, 2017 as Crime Victim's Rights Week in Stanislaus County.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Stanislaus County**

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February 21, 2017

Elizabeth A. King, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Stanislaus County
1010 10th Street, Suite 6700
Modesto, CA 95354

RE: April 2-8, 2017 Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation request

Dear Ms. Elizabeth King:

On behalf of the Victim Services Unit in the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, we are requesting a Proclamation of support from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, to be used at our April 8th Victims' Rights Rally & Family Safety Fair. The purpose of the Proclamation is to promote awareness of victims' rights and services and share with the community the County's commitment to serving, supporting and empowering victims of crime.

If possible, we would appreciate participation by a member of the Board of Supervisors in our event and welcome you to read the proclamation at the event on April 8, 2017 at, approximately, 11 a.m. A sample wording is enclosed for your convenience. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and welcome the opportunity to pick up the signed Proclamation upon completion.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your consideration of our request. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Titus
Victim Services Program Coordinator

Enclosure

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proclamation by Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

For Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 2 – 8, 2017

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals and communities;

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

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

Whereas, unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma;

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

Whereas, a multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims – especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities or live in remote locations;

Whereas, strengthening the multidisciplinary response – bringing diverse skills, perspectives and understandings together in the service of victims – also serves to build the resilience of those responders, by strengthening the confidence in their roles, abilities and sense of contribution;

Whereas, national Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 2-8, 2017, provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

Whereas, the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Unit 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.

Now, therefore, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 2 – 8, 2017 as Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm this County's commitment to creating a victim services 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.

Presented this, the _____ day of April 2017