



Resolution

WHEREAS, established in 1981 by the federal Office for Victims of Crime, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has since challenged the nation to confront and remove barriers to achieve justice for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 21-27, 2024, Harris County will observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week, honoring the theme "Options, Services, and Hope for Crime Survivors: How Would You Help?"; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of and investing in services for crime victims, Harris County and many criminal justice agencies across the County have helped develop a victim response system to advance justice for thousands of survivors of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Advocates of the Harris County District Attorney's Office and Children's Assessment Center's Children's Court Services provide victim advocacy, emotional support, safety planning, and court accompaniment to crime victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, in addition, \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding was approved for the Children's Assessment Center—one of the most holistic child victims' services organizations in the nation—to aid with several projects, including triaging cases and expanding outreach and education in schools; and

WHEREAS, Harris County has allocated over \$7 million for the Domestic Violence Assistance Fund, which is distributed by the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and its nineteen partner agencies to serve families impacted by domestic violence; the fund also aids 3,800 households and 6,650 individuals in Harris County who are survivors of domestic violence by covering basic needs, housing assistance, and other services by the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Harris County thanks the District Attorney's Office, the Children's Assessment Center, the Senior Justice Assessment Center, and the many victim services providers, allied professionals, criminal justice agencies, and partners across the County who work tirelessly to give crime victims a voice in the criminal justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court hereby respectfully observes

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

and urges friends, family members, and neighbors across Harris County to become more educated on how to better support the recovery of crime victims and aid in creating safer environments for all.

It is hereby ORDERED that this Resolution be included in the minutes of Commissioners Court this 23rd day of April 2024.

Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
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