

Resolution No. 2021 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-24, 2021 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, for three decades, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has successfully promoted awareness for victims' rights and services and honored countless crime victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, to the founders of the victims' rights movement, justice means every victim would receive the advocacy and assistance they need in the aftermath of a crime. This year's theme – *Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities*, emphasizes the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime. Criminal justice and victim service professionals, businesses, healthcare providers, educators, policymakers, houses of worship, and other social and civic groups can work together to ensure that survivors of crime receive the holistic services and support they need; and

WHEREAS, among the various types of violent crime reported in the United States, aggravated assault is the most common and is now being reported more often than in previous years; and

WHEREAS, annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion), followed by assault (\$93 billion), murder (\$71 billion), and drunk driving, including fatalities (\$61 billion); and

WHEREAS, in the most recent report by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR), and nationwide in 2017, there were an estimated 7,694,086 property crimes and an estimated 1,247,321 violent crimes. By violent crime offense, the arrest rate for murder and non-negligent manslaughter was 3.8 per 100,000 inhabitants; rape, 7.2 per 100,000 inhabitants; robbery, 29.3 per 100,000 inhabitants; and aggravated assault, 120.4 per 100,000 inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County's Crime Victim Assistance Unit, despite the impacts of Covid-19, worked with over 2,814 new victims and witnesses to homicide, robbery, adult and child sexual assaults, domestic violence, stalking, elder abuse, child molestation and physical abuse cases in calendar year 2020, an increase of 396 case from 2019, of which 325 cases were domestic violence related. In order for this unit to function, it is supported by grant funding through the California Office of Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Solano County District Attorney's Office of Family Violence Prevention and Crime Victim Assistance Unit, the Solano Family Justice Center, and other community partners and agencies for their advocacy and accomplishments by proclaiming April 18-24, 2021 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk