MEETING DATE: April 5, 2016
Submitting Department(s):
Health and Human Services Agency

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
Proclamation to recognize the week of April 10th-16th 2016 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Contact: Christine Zoppi, HHSA Director
Phone: 934-6514

AGENDA PLACEMENT

APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)

Required _ Minutes

☐ Business – No ☑ Consent
☐ Correspondence ☐ Reports & Notices

AFFECTED DEPARTMENT(S)

☐ Receive Concurrence

ATTACHMENTS

☐ Board Report
☐ Letter
☐ Minute Order
☐ Contract
☐ Transfer
☐ Grant App.
☐ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ Proclamation
☐ Policy Update
☐ Code Update
☐ Other

LEGAL/PERSOENNEL/FISCAL

☐ County Counsel
☐ Personnel
☐ Finance
☐ County Administrative Office

CLERK INSTRUCTIONS

☒ Return Minute Order to T. Chavez
☒ Return Certified Copy Of:
  2 Proclamations to T. Chavez

☐ Other:

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Public Hearings:
☐ Published
☐ Affidavit on File w/Clerk
☐ Affected Parties Notified

Committees:
☐ Vacancy Posted
☐ Application Attached

LEGISLATION

☐ State ☐ Federal

Bill#: ________
☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT

☐ General Fund Impact
☐ Other: ________
☐ Budgeted
☐ Transfer Attached
☐ 4/5ths Vote Required
☐ Contingency Request

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS

☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report

☐ Date of Original Contract:
☐ Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

This request does not require the use of County General Funds.

1. Proclaim the week of April 10th – 16th, 2016 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and authorize the Board Chair to sign the proclamation declaring such.
2. Recognize a week in April of each year from this point forward as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Reviewed By (if applicable):

Christine Zoppi, HHSA Director
Personnel Director

Department of Finance

CC:
COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Glenn County Health & Human Services Agency
(Department)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
National Crime Victims’ Rights Week focuses attention on the challenges that victims of crime must overcome. By proclaiming April 10th-16th, 2016 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”, the county increases awareness within the local community on the issues faced by victims and shows support for their plight.

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HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope.—reminds communities that, by coming together to support and assist victims, we help build trust, restore hope, and break the cycle of violence. Through community action and service, we all become stronger, together.

Over the past year the Glenn County Victim Witness Assistance Program served approximately 250 victims in crisis. Of these, over 45% of those were victims of domestic violence. Glenn County has made significant strides in recent years in the collaboration with Westside Domestic Violence Shelter, District Attorney’s Office, local law enforcement and other partner agencies to provide services and assistance to victims.

FISCAL/PERSOONNEL IMPACT(S):
No County General Fund Impact.
This proclamation does not have any personnel or fiscal impact.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION
For over 16 years, the Board of Supervisors has proclaimed a week in the month of April each year, as designated by the Office of Victims of Crime, to be “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”. The proclamation promotes community awareness of victimization and the challenges victims face during healing and recovery and highlights Glenn County’s efforts to assist victims through recovery.
National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 10-16, 2016

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;

Whereas, Many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, victims with limited English proficiency, and others;

Whereas, Too many communities feel disconnected from the justice and social response systems, and have lost trust in the ability of those systems to recognize them and respond to their needs;

Whereas, Victims of repeat victimization who fail to receive supportive services are at greater risk for long-term consequences of crime;

Whereas, The victim services community has worked for decades to create an environment for victims that is safe, supportive, and effective;

Whereas, Intervening early with services that support and empower victims provides a pathway to recovery from crime and abuse;

Whereas, Honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;

Whereas, Serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities;

Whereas, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 10-16, 2016, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime — even those who are challenging to reach or to serve — are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

Whereas, Glenn County Victim Witness Assistance Program is hereby dedicated to serving victims, building trust, and restoring hope for justice and healing;

Now, therefore, I, Leigh McDaniel, as Chair of Glenn County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2016, as

Crime Victims’ Rights Week

And reaffirm this 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.

Leigh McDaniel, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Glenn, State of California

Date