

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming the week of April 10 – 16, 2016 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Each year, thousands of residents of Multnomah County experience the trauma, pain, humiliation and personal and financial losses of being a victim of crime.
- b. National Crime Victims’ Rights Week honors and celebrates the achievements of the past thirty years in securing rights, protections and services for victims.
- c. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims’ suffering. Financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders, the Crime Victims’ Fund supports survivors of sexual abuse and human trafficking as well as rape crisis centers and domestic violence programs.
- d. In Oregon, more than 60 specific and targeted legal rights are afforded to crime victims. Multnomah County is committed to providing resources and support to victims of crime including community based services, supportive housing and restitution.
- e. This year’s theme for National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is: Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope. It underscores the importance of early intervention, establishing trust with victims, and restoring their hopes for healing and recovering.
- f. Meeting victims where they are takes dedication, resources and persistence. We strive to establish a welcoming, compassionate, and supportive environment for all victims to share their stories and begin healing.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

April 10 through 16, 2016 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and honors the hard-won victories, and recommits to working together to insist on better treatment for victims to help them overcome the harm caused by crime.

ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2016.

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