



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

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Meeting Date: 4/16/15
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am
Date Submitted: 3.31.15

Agenda Title: Proclaiming the week of April 19 through April 25, 2015 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Multnomah County, Oregon

Note: Title

should not be April 16, 2015 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes

Department: District Attorney's Office **Division:** _____

Contact(s): Elli Work, Victim Services Coordinator

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Rod Underhill , District Attorney; Susan Walters, Survivor of Domestic Violence; Liesl Wendt, Director, Department of County Human Services; and Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclamation for Crime Victims' Rights Week.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

One week in April every year, we celebrate Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year's Crime Victims' Rights week national theme is *Engaging Communities. Empowering Victims*. It is an opportunity to acknowledge our successes and to rededicate our efforts to help and support victims of crime. By working together, community leaders, organizations, and local partners can leverage existing community resources to support crime victims. Engaging the entire community enables us to reach more victims and expand their options for services.

Each year, thousands of residents of Multnomah County experience the trauma, pain, humiliation and personal and financial losses of being a victim of crime. Too often, crime victims and witnesses are overlooked by our system of justice in its efforts to apprehend, prosecute, and fairly sanction criminal offenders.

In Oregon, the constitution and state statutes give crime victims more than 60 legal rights.

We each have a role in treating crime victims with compassion and in honoring their rights. Every victim, every crime, every right, every time.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The personal testimony of Susan Walters is a powerful one. She will share her story during the presentation.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: DA Rod Underhill /s/ **Date:** March 31, 2015

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