

# Shasta County Board of Supervisors

## Proclamation

Crime Victims' Rights Week  
April 2-8, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 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; and

**WHEREAS**, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services, further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

**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, but when we "Start by Believing" we can impact the lives of those who have been victimized; and

**WHEREAS**, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services, and participate in the justice process; and

**WHEREAS**, a multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims, especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

**WHEREAS**, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, *Crime Victims' Rights Week*, April 2-8, 2017, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime are offered appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shasta County District Attorney's Crime Victims Assistance Center is hereby dedicated to serving victims, building trust, and restoring hope for justice and healing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta hereby proclaims the week of April 2-8, 2017 as *Crime Victims' Rights Week* in Shasta County.

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David A. Rehoe, Chairman

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March 28, 2017

Date