

Proclamation
National Crime Victims' Rights Week
April 2 – April 8, 2017

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; and

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; 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; and

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

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

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

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; and

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

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 2-8, 2017, is an opportune time to publically recommit resources to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, County of Adams, State of Colorado, and the District Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial District, and the Sheriff of Adams County are dedicated to serving victims, building trust, and restoring hope for justice and healing; and

Be It Further Resolved, that these public officials stand united in their commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving Adams County's response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.