

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Supervisors

Sixteenth day of April, 2013

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2013  
AS "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS MONTH"**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**Whereas**, thousands of San Luis Obispo County residents and visitors are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers; and

**Whereas**, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional and financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial and social backgrounds; and

**Whereas**, in addition to these challenges, crime victims may deal with a criminal justice system that, at times, may ignore their rights or fail to treat them with respect; and

**Whereas**, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of new crimes like cybercrime, human trafficking and terrorism and victims who do not trust the criminal justice system, including many immigrants; and

**Whereas**, since 1977, crime victims in San Luis Obispo County have benefitted from local government and community-based victim service agencies that work to protect and promote the rights of crimes victims and provide a host of crisis and support services to help victims rebuild their lives after crime; and

**Whereas**, the District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center serves all types of crime victims and works in partnership with the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo, the newly merged North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center and SARP Center, and the County's Social Services and Probation Departments; and

**Whereas**, San Luis Obispo County joins the state in recognizing Crime Victims' Rights Month and by this action, seizes an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for all victims; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, as follows: That the County proclaims the month of April as "San Luis Obispo County Crime Victims' Rights Month" thereby reaffirming our commitment to meet challenges and create opportunities to enforce victims' rights and acknowledge those victims and survivors who have transformed their personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to crime victims and build a more just community.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk