

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 18, 2020

**RESOLUTION DECLARING
APRIL 19, 2020 – APRIL 25, 2020
AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Freeman moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

Whereas, the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

Whereas, the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victims' Rights Act in Michigan and federal victims' rights legislation have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

Whereas, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process, not only victims, are appropriately educated about victims' rights; and

Whereas, the entire community plays a role in supporting all victims of crime and we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives. We must provide this support to more fully serve victims and improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

Whereas, we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 19-25, 2020 with the theme: "*Seek Justice, Ensure Victims' Rights, Inspire Hope.*" The observance provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime in Eaton County; and

Whereas, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, to keeping victims informed about the services and rights available to them; and to working to achieve justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2020, as Crime Victims' Rights Week; reaffirms this County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and this Board further expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for community members, victim service providers and criminal justice professionals, who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace. Carried.