

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MARCH 17, 2021****RESOLUTION DECLARING
APRIL 18, 2021 – APRIL 24, 2021
AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

Whereas, the victim's 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 Victim's Rights Act in Michigan and federal victim's 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 victim's rights; and

Whereas, the entire community plays a role in reaching out to all victims, engaging with victim communities by providing crime victims services and resources to meet their needs, helps service providers rebuild trust in victims' lives through support, trust and justice; and

Whereas, this is the time to renew our commitment to serving all victims of crime, acknowledging the achievements in victim services and honoring those who have gone above and beyond in their service to others, remembering crime victims and survivors; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 18-24, 2021 with the theme: *"Support Victims, Build Trust, Engage Communities"*. The observance provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of leveraging community support to help victims of crime; 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, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the third week of April each year, as Crime Victim's Rights Week; reaffirms this County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victim's 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.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Dairus Reynnet, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.