

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues;

WHEREAS we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them;

WHEREAS each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others;

WHEREAS it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope;

WHEREAS victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support;

WHEREAS we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice;

WHEREAS we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope — the belief that the future will be better — is not just tangible but within their reach;

WHEREAS National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?"

WHEREAS Williamson County is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT does hereby proclaim the week of April 21–27, 2024, as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

And reaffirm the commitment of WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS to a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those 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.

THIS THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024

JUDGE BILL GRAVELL

HOW WOULD YOU HELP? OPTIONS, SERVICES AND HOPE FOR CRIME SURVIVORS