

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS crime affects individuals, families, and communities in profound and varied ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional, and social challenges; and

WHEREAS the concept of *Listen. Act. Advocate.* challenges the Nation to confront and remove barriers that hinder access to justice, while honoring the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement and the progress made through decades of dedicated advocacy; and

WHEREAS crime victims' rights laws in Texas and at the federal level ensure that victims have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the criminal justice process, reminding us of our responsibility to listen to survivors and uphold the protections they are guaranteed; and

WHEREAS innovative, trauma-informed programs — including telehealth services, multidisciplinary teams, and culturally responsive approaches — expand access to essential services and allow professionals to reach victims who might otherwise remain underserved; and

WHEREAS through collaboration, education, and community engagement, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience, and offer pathways to healing; and

WHEREAS through collaboration, education, and active community engagement, we strengthen the peer networks and alliances that empower survivors, foster recovery, and reinforce our commitment to advocate for justice, fairness, and dignity for all; and

WHEREAS National Crime Victims' Rights Week offers an opportunity to renew our pledge to provide accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services to every survivor of crime in Williamson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT does hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2026 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

And reaffirm our dedication in WILLIAMSON COUNTY to stand together to protect victims, strengthen our communities, and ensure that voices too often overlooked are lifted and respected.

THIS THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

PRESIDING OFFICER

LISTEN. ACT. ADVOCATE.