

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 18-34

Resolution Proclaiming National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 8-14, 2018

WHEREAS, Americans are victims of more than 22 million crimes each year, and these crimes also affect family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

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

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Crime Victims Fund was established by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to provide a permanent source of support for crime victim services and compensation through fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Victims Fund today supports thousands of victim assistance programs who provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring that federal offender criminal fines and penalties are deposited into the Crime Victims Fund, Congress affirmed that those who commit crimes should be held accountable for the impact of their actions; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, for homicides in which the type of weapon was known, 67.7 percent were committed with firearms, and 44.1 percent of homicides had an unknown victim-offender relationship; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2016 Ronald Antonio was visiting a friend when he saw a woman who was bleeding from an alleged knife wound. Ronald took off his shirt to help stop the bleeding and was mistaken as the woman's attacker. He was chased down, stabbed and lost his life; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Antonio's family and friends have joined together as support for each other through this difficult time. They have persevered through the trial of the offenders and fought for justice for their beloved Ronald. The determination and strength from the Antonio family assured that justice would prevail and the offenders would be held accountable; and

WHEREAS, during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 8-14, 2018, Yolo County District Attorney's Victim Services Program and Yolo County District Attorney's Office is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Yolo County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, does hereby proclaim the week of April 8-14, 2018, as: **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** and reaffirms the County of Yolo's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address victims' needs during **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** and throughout the year; and expresses our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Rexroad, Provenza, Chamberlain, Villegas.

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors