

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-44

Proclaiming National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 23-29, 2023

WHEREAS, the title "Victim" is more than just a label, when one is a victim there is a legal standing, protections and support behind it; and

WHEREAS, this week is an opportunity to recommit to ensure that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, many victims are faced with multiple challenges, that is where victim services providers can emphasize the importance of giving victims and survivors a voice; and

WHEREAS, elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are being heard and seen, and establish a path of trust; and

WHEREAS, allowing survivors to feel heard and seen creates positive responses and services that are credible, meaningful, and centered on the needs of the victims; and

WHEREAS, in August 2022, Stephanie Amato was working in her role as the Yolo County Animal Director. A person who wanted his animal returned, yelled profanities at Stephanie, then ran and grabbed Stephanie and started shaking her; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie tried to get away but the suspect ran after her and strangled her. Stephanie has long lasting physical injuries and still has emotional trauma when she is in the area at work where the assault occurred; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie had the courage to come to court at the time of sentencing to face her attacker. She gave a Victim Impact Statement to the court and explained how the assault affected her life; and

WHEREAS, during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 23 – 29, 2023, Yolo County District Attorney's Victim Services Program and Yolo County District Attorney's Office continuing to join forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Yolo County and America to continue to educate on victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23 - 29, 2023, as: NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK and reaffirm the County of Yolo's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and give victim's a voice, National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors.

Elevate. Engage. Effect Change

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

Oscar Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors