

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-36

Proclaiming National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12, 2025

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed here in California and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

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

WHEREAS, the concept of kinship is the foundation of victim advocacy, inspiring trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are; and

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; and

WHEREAS, kinship reminds us of the strength that comes from connection, the importance of listening to every voice, and the power we have to create lasting change when we work together; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Loose was safe at home when she answered a knock at her door and an intruder entered and sexually assaulted her; and

WHEREAS, Crystal resisted the intruder and fought him off to keep the assault from getting worse but she sustained injuries to her face and body; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Loose deserves to be recognized as a survivor of this frightening assault and deserves respect for testifying against her attacker, which resulted in a conviction that will keep others safe; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County is hereby dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors like Crystal and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2025, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Yolo County reaffirming this County's commitment to creating 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors