

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-39

Proclaiming National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 19-25, 2026

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, including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are being heard and seen, and creates a path to forging and sustaining community trust; and

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

WHEREAS, the right to provide a victim impact statement ensures that victims' voices are considered in court during the sentencing and, when applicable, restitution processes; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them; and

WHEREAS, Allyson N. felt her safety was at issue and filed for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) to keep her abuser away from her and her family. She also was issued a Criminal Protective Order in criminal court. Despite having two valid orders, the abuser continued to contact her and keep her in fear of safety; and

WHEREAS, Allyson N. continued to report the violations in hope that the dangerous behavior would stop, and she could finally have peace. Allyson stayed strong and she went to court to testify against the abuser in the hopes of holding him accountable. The Yolo County Victim Services advocate supported Allyson through the ongoing court case, even to this day; and

WHEREAS, Allyson's case shows why service providers need to listen, act and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, stalking and all other intimate partner crimes. Survivors deserve to be believed and deserve to be supported; and

WHEREAS the Yolo County District Attorney's Office and the Victim Services program are hereby dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors 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 19-25, 2026, as **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** reaffirming the County of Yolo's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during the 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.

**Listen. Act. Advocate.
Protect Victims. Serve Communities.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2026 by the following vote:

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

Sheila A. Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors