

1 [National Crime Victims’ Rights Week - April 19 through 25, 2026]

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3 **Resolution designating April 19 through April 25, 2026, as National Crime Victims’**
4 **Rights Week in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is observed annually to honor and
7 remember victims and survivors of crime, raise awareness about victims’ rights and the
8 challenges they face, and highlight the critical resources and services available to support
9 them; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2026 theme for National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is “Listen. Act.
11 Advocate. Protect victims, serve communities,” which emphasizes the importance of calling
12 on communities, advocates, and public institutions to listen to victims, take action to support
13 survivors, and strengthen services that protect victims and serve communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Crime affects individuals from all walks of life regardless of race, age,
15 gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, immigration status, or socioeconomic
16 background and can leave lasting emotional, psychological, and financial harm; and

17 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, crime can impact anyone, yet not all survivors have
18 equal access to resources, support systems, or pathways to justice, and survivors who are
19 immigrants, LGBTQ+, low-income, or from historically marginalized communities often face
20 additional barriers in navigating the aftermath of trauma; and

21 WHEREAS, Every San Franciscan deserves to feel safe in their home, on their street,
22 and within their community, and when that safety is violated, it is the responsibility of our
23 public safety systems to respond with urgency, accountability, and unwavering support for
24 victims and survivors in their pursuit of justice; and

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1 WHEREAS, Data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that millions of
2 Americans experience violent crime each year, yet fewer than half of violent crimes are
3 reported to law enforcement, underscoring the need to build trust and remove barriers to
4 reporting and support; and

5 WHEREAS, The economic burden of crime in the United States including lost
6 productivity, medical expenses, mental health care, and criminal justice system costs is
7 estimated to total hundreds of billions of dollars annually, with individual victims and
8 communities bearing much of that cost; and

9 WHEREAS, Providing timely, trauma-informed support to victims of crime improves
10 recovery outcomes, reduces long-term costs to local governments, and strengthens public
11 trust in law enforcement and the justice system; and

12 WHEREAS, In June 2022, San Francisco voters approved the creation of the Office of
13 Victims and Witness Rights to coordinate services provided by the City to victims and
14 witnesses of all types of crime, regardless of whether the incident is reported to law
15 enforcement; and

16 WHEREAS, Victim advocates, community-based organizations, and public safety
17 agencies in San Francisco work tirelessly to uplift survivors and advance a justice system that
18 prioritizes healing, dignity, and accountability; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby designates the
20 week of April 19 through April 25, 2026, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in the City
21 and County of San Francisco; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the 2026 theme,
23 "Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect victims, serve communities," and reaffirms its commitment to
24 supporting crime victims and survivors through inclusive policies, increased awareness, and
25 strong collaboration with community partners; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages all San
2 Franciscans to participate in National Crime Victims' Rights Week by learning more about
3 victims' rights, supporting survivor-centered programs, and honoring the strength and
4 resilience of those affected by crime.

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