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**RESOLUTION NO.** 

1	[National Crime Victims' Rights Week - April 6 through April 12, 2025]
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3	Resolution designating the week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as "National Crime
4	Victims' Rights Week" in the City and County of San Francisco; and to reaffirm the
5	commitment to supporting crime victims and survivors through inclusive policies,
6	awareness, and community collaboration.
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8	WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is observed annually to honor and
9	remember victims and survivors of crime, raise awareness about victims' rights and the
10	challenges they face, and highlight the vital resources and services available to support them;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, The 2025 theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Connecting -
13	KINSHIP - Healing," which emphasizes the importance of shared humanity, connection, and
14	community in supporting survivors and victims of crime (Office for Victims of Crime, 2025);
15	and
16	WHEREAS, Crime impacts individuals from all walks of life - regardless of race, age,
17	gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, immigration status, or socioeconomic
18	background - and can leave lasting emotional, psychological, and financial harm; and
19	WHEREAS, In San Francisco, crime can affect anyone, but not everyone has the same
20	access to resources, support systems, or pathways to justice. Survivors who are immigrants,
21	LGBTQ+, low-income, or from historically marginalized communities often face greater
22	challenges in navigating the aftermath of trauma; and
23	WHEREAS, Every San Franciscan deserves to feel safe in their home, on their street,
24	and in their community - and when that safety is violated, it is the responsibility of our public
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safety systems to respond with urgency, accountability, and unwavering support for victims
and survivors in their pursuit of justice; and

WHEREAS, Research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that more than 14 million people are victimized by crime in the United States each year, yet fewer than half of all violent crimes are reported to law enforcement, underscoring the need to build trust and remove barriers to reporting and support; and

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

WHEREAS, Providing timely and trauma-informed support to victims of crime improves
 recovery outcomes, reduces future costs to local government, and fosters public trust in law
 enforcement and the justice system; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2022, voters approved the creation of the "San Francisco Office
of Victims and Witness Rights" to coordinate services provided by the City to victims and
witnesses of all types of crime, regardless of whether the incident is ever reported to police;
and

WHEREAS, Victim advocates, community-based organizations, and public safety
 agencies in San Francisco work tirelessly to uplift survivors and promote a justice system that
 centers healing and accountability; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby designates the
week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in the City and
County of San Francisco; and, be it

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1	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the theme
2	"Connecting - KINSHIP - Healing" and reaffirms its commitment to supporting crime victims
3	and survivors through inclusive policies, awareness, and community collaboration; and, be it
4	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages all San
5	Franciscans to participate in National Crime Victims' Rights Week by learning more about
6	victims' rights, supporting survivor-centered programs, and honoring the strength and
7	resilience of those affected by crime.
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