

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;
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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);
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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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1 safety systems to respond with urgency, accountability, and unwavering support for victims
2 and survivors in their pursuit of justice; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, In June of 2022, voters approved the creation of the “San Francisco Office
15 of Victims and Witness Rights” to coordinate services provided by the City to victims and
16 witnesses of all types of crime, regardless of whether the incident is ever reported to police;
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18 WHEREAS, Victim advocates, community-based organizations, and public safety
19 agencies in San Francisco work tirelessly to uplift survivors and promote a justice system that
20 centers healing and accountability; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby designates the
22 week of April 6 through April 12, 2025, as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in the City and
23 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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