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# NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney District Attorney
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215
SUBJECT:	Crime Victims' Rights Week

## RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation declaring the week of April 10 - 16, 2005 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Napa County.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presentation of a proclamation declaring the Week of April 10-16 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Napa County. The purpose of Crime Victims' Rights Week is to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

#### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

President Ronald W. Reagan first declared "Nation Crime Victims' Rights Week" in 1981 to focus our Nations' attention on the plight of crime victims.

In 1978 the County of Napa sponsored one of the first victim assistance pilot projects in the nation: Napa Victim and Witness Services, operated by the Volunteer Center of Napa Valley.

Napa Victim/Witness Services has tirelessly advocated for the rights of crime victims and their families while providing information, accompaniment and followup counseling to hundreds of Napa crime victims each year.

Representatives from the Volunteer Center of Napa Victim/Witness Services will accept the proclamation.

Other events planned in this week include:

- A rally celebrating the 25th anniversary of Crime Victims Rights Week, to be held at noon on April 11th on the historic courthouse steps.
- Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes will be held April 16th at 10:30 am, originating at Veteran's Park, to raise sexual assault awareness.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve Reviewed By: Helene Franchi