

WHEREAS, each April, **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** provides an opportunity for an annual observance of Fresno's victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, community members of the City of Fresno and Fresno County continue to be victimized by violent crimes and deserve respect, resources, restoration, refuge and justice; and

WHEREAS, when any community member in this city or throughout the State is harmed by crime, all are touched by the devastating results. Serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Probation Department's James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center continues to provide a "Voice for Victims" and much needed services to victims and witnesses of crime throughout the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance and direction of the Fresno County Probation Department's James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center, more than 7,500 crime victims were served in 2017 and historically over one million dollars in State Compensation Funds are received annually by victims of crime in the City of Fresno and Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018, and throughout the year, the City of Fresno and Fresno County join together to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week to reaffirm their commitment to respect and endorse crime victims' rights and address their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby reaffirm our commitment to respect and endorse crime victims' rights and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby commend the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center for their unwavering service and proclaim the week of April 8, 2018 through April 14, 2018, to be:

"NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

Echoing the commitment of "EXPANDANDING THE CIRCLE...REACH ALL VICTIMS"

in the City of Fresno.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and
affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, this 3rd day of April, 2018.*

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Council President

STEVE BRANDAU, Council Vice President

OLIVER BAINES III, Councilmember District 3

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GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

CLINT OLIVIER, Councilmember District 7