

City of
FRESNO
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the citizens of Fresno continue to be confronted by violent crime; and victims of crime deserve respect, resources, restoration, rehabilitation, and justice; and*

WHEREAS, *when any citizen in this city or throughout the state is harmed by crime, then all Americans are touched by the devastating results; and crime victims and witnesses have too often been overlooked by the criminal justice system in its efforts to apprehend and prosecute criminal offenders; and*

WHEREAS, *the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center continues to provide greatly needed services for victims and witnesses of crimes throughout the County of Fresno, including the great 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 5,200 crime victims were served last year, and, as a result, historically over one million dollars in State Compensation funds are received annually by crime victims in Fresno; and*

WHEREAS, *during the week of April 19, 2015 through April 25, 2015, and throughout the year, our city joins with others throughout our nation to observe Crime Victims' Rights Week for every American:*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that we, Mayor Ashley Swearengin and Fresno City Council Members, 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 Ashley Swearengin and Fresno City Council Members, do hereby commend the James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center for their unwavering service and acknowledge the week of April 19, 2015 through April 25, 2015, to be:*

“CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”

Echoing the commitment for “Engaging Communities: Empowering Victims” in the City of Fresno