

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council Vice President Tyler Maxwell

Hereby Recognizes:

Fresno County Probation Department's James Rowland Victim Assistance Center

WHEREAS, each April, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the strength, resilience, and voices of victims and survivors of crime in Fresno; and

WHEREAS, first recognized in 1981, this annual observance has united communities for over four decades in support of healing, awareness, and justice; and

WHEREAS, community members throughout the City and County of Fresno continue to be impacted by violent crime and deserve dignity, support, restoration, refuge, and justice, and this week calls upon us to pause, reflect, and recommit to standing alongside victims and ensuring their voices and stories are heard; and

WHEREAS, when any community member in this city or throughout the State is harmed by crime, the effects are felt across families and neighborhoods, and serving victims while rebuilding trust helps restore hope not only for survivors, but for the community as a whole; 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, advocacy, and support to victims and witnesses of crime throughout the County of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance and direction of the Fresno County Probation Department's James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center, more than 5,100 crime victims were served in 2025, and historically, over one million dollars in State Compensation Funds are received annually by victims of crime in Fresno County, reflecting the invaluable role these services play in supporting recovery and stability; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 19 through April 25, 2026, and throughout the year, Fresno County joins together to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week to reaffirm its commitment to protecting victims' rights, supporting their recovery, and ensuring their needs are met with compassion and care.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council, reaffirm its commitment to respect and endorse crime victims' rights and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year, and do hereby proclaim April 19 through April 25, 2026, as:

"National Crime Victims' Rights Week" ***in the City of Fresno***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 23rd day of April of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President

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ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember, District 1

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