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Yolo County District Attorney to Honor Crime Victims

(Woodland,CA) - March 12, 2013 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and Yolo County Victim Services Division will commemorate 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 21-27) with the Seventh Annual Crime Victims' Tribute and the first ever Victim Services Resource Fair.

This year's theme "*New Challenges. New Solutions*" echoes the mission of Yolo County Victim Services and how we are consistently trying to enforce victims' rights and recognize the challenges victims face. Through decades of advocacy and hard work, victims' rights have come a long way. Today, all states have enacted crime victims' rights laws and established crime victim compensation funds. More than 10,000 victim service agencies help victims throughout the nation.

"*'New Challenges. New Solutions.'* captures our mission in the 21st century," said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig. "We have to broaden our thinking, find smarter and better ways to serve victims, and reach every victim in need."

Yolo County Victim Services will open National Crime Victims' Rights Week with their annual Crime Victims' Tribute which will be held on April 22, 2013 from 12pm – 1pm. The event will be held at the Woodland Opera House at 340 Second Street, Woodland. The tribute honors Yolo County crime victim survivors and their families. This year the ceremony will also include the introduction of a green-eyed Labradoodle puppy named Aloha, one of the newest members of the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, who is in training to become a "comfort dog" providing a gentle, reassuring presence for crime victims.

This year, Yolo County District Attorney's Office and Yolo County Victim Services will also have its first ever Victim Services Resource Fair to provide information and resources to the community about what steps to take after a crime has occurred and how to be proactive against crime in your own neighborhood. The Resource Fair will be held on April 25, 2013 from 4:30pm – 7pm and will be at the E Street Plaza in Davis.

We invite the entire community to participate in the week's events and in other victim-related observances throughout the year. For additional information about 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to help victims in your community, please contact Yolo County Victim Services at 530.666.8187 or visit www.yoloda.org.

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