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## Yolo County DA's Office Celebrates National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 8-14

(Woodland CA) — March 16, 2018 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and Yolo County District Attorney Victim Services Program will commemorate 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) with the 12th Annual Crime Victims' Tribute.

This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be held April 8-14, and the theme is "*Expand the Circle. Reach all Victims.*" The Yolo County Victim District Attorney Services Division continues to strive to reach all victims of crime in the county.

"We want to provide the support necessary to help those affected by crime overcome the feeling of being damaged or broken and reach the feeling of being on the road to recovery and discovering a new normal," said Victim Services Program Manager Laura Valdes. "We are the conduit to help victims find the ability to become a survivor of crime."

National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors and celebrates the achievements of the nearly thirty-five years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims' suffering. VOCA also funds victim compensation programs that pay victims' out-of-pocket expenses such as counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages.

Yolo County Victim Services will observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week with their annual Crime Victims' Tribute which will be held on April 9, 2018, from 12pm – 12:50pm at the Woodland Opera House, located at 340 Second Street, in Woodland. The tribute honors crime victim survivors and their families.

We invite the entire community to attend the tribute and join us as we recognize individuals not only as victims but as strong survivors who are part of our strong community. For additional information about 2018 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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