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Yolo DA's Office Honors Crime Victims Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 7 - 13, 2019

(Woodland, CA) – March 11, 2019 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and the Yolo County District Attorney Victim Services Program will recognize 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week with the Thirteenth Annual Crime Victims' Tribute.

This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week takes place April 7th -13th. The theme is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future." Yolo County Victim Services will recognize the progress made by their predecessors in victim services, and continue working to build victim services to be more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a chance for all to stand in solidarity with victims of crime. It is with support from the entire community – non-profits, government agencies, friends, families, employers, and more – that victims of crime are best able to begin healing. This week is an opportunity to listen to victims of crime and hear their needs and think of how they can be supported.

"The healing process of a survivor of crime is ever-evolving. It's important that we acknowledge their struggle to find a new normal," said Laura Valdes, Victim Services Program Manager. "A noble way to commemorate their effort to heal is by honoring and educating ourselves on victim rights."

Yolo County Victim Services will commemorate National Crime Victims' Week with the annual Crime Victims' Tribute, which will be held on April 8, 2019 from 12:00PM – 12:50PM. The event will be held at the <u>Woodland Opera House at 340 Second Street</u>, <u>Woodland</u> and will honor Yolo County crime victim survivors, their families, and those that advocate on their behalf. The event will open with photos of those who have died at the hands of another in Yolo County, submitted by their loved ones.

Everyone is invited to come to the tribute and help recognize individual victims and survivors, as well as our community, for our strength, compassion, and resilience. For additional information about the 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the tribute, and how to help victims in your community, please contact Yolo County Victim Services at (530) 666-8187 or visit <u>voloda.org</u>.