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**Yolo County District Attorney's Office Honors Victims  
DA Commemorates National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

Woodland, CA – April 9, 2021 - Yolo County District Attorney's Office has planned two events to raise awareness about crime victims' issues and rights and to introduce the community to important resources and services available. These events will occur, in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW), April 18–24, 2021,

Our family, friends, neighbors, and community members are the face of crime victims. According to the most recent National Crime Victimization Survey from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1.2 million people were victims of violent crime excluding simple assault in 2019. Now is the time to redouble our efforts so that victimization continues to decline and fewer and fewer Americans, and residents of Yolo County become victims of crime.

Yolo County District Attorney's Office will commemorate the advancement of victims' rights and highlight issues surrounding victimization by presenting a resolution to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am (<https://www.yolocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors/board-meetings>) asking them to proclaim April 18-24, 2021, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The second event will be our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Victims' Rights Week tribute, on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. Due to current COVID safety restrictions, we have opted to hold this year's event virtually. You may watch the live stream on the District Attorney's website: <https://www.yoloda.org> or on either Facebook (@YoloCoDistrictAttorney) or Twitter (@YoloDA).

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) leads communities throughout the country in their annual observances of NCVRW by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.

This year's theme— Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities— celebrates the contributions that we all can make toward building trust in our community's capacity to support the healing journeys of crime victims. Trust is collective as well as individual, so we are honoring both the individual victims in our community and the groups engaged in building networks of understanding and support.

“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.”

For additional information about this year's NCVRW and how to assist victims in your own community, please contact Yolo County District Attorney's Victim Services Program at (530) 666-8187. For additional ideas on how to support victims of crime, visit OVC's website at [www.ovc.ojp.gov](http://www.ovc.ojp.gov).

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