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**Yolo County Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Victims of Crime Act
National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 26 – May 2, 2009**

(Woodland, CA) April 26 marks the beginning of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to focus on victims of crime and celebrate our nation's progress in serving them. This year's theme, "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act," honors a landmark national commitment to victims of crime.

A crime may last only a few seconds. But the impact of that crime can last a lifetime. Victims of crime need help and help is available. For 25 years, the Victims of Crime Act has supported thousands of programs and millions of victims throughout the nation. One of those programs is the Yolo County District Attorney Victim Services Program, which is dedicated to providing comprehensive services to victims of violent crime and serves victims and witnesses involved in the criminal justice system. To date the Victim Services Program has assisted more than 900 victims since August of 2008.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed April 26 - May 2, 2009 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week at their April 7th meeting. Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and the staff of the Victim Services Program were present to accept the resolution from Supervisor Jim Provenza. Reisig reminded the Board of Supervisors that in November of 2008, the voters of California passed Proposition 9 and thereby amended the California Constitution to unequivocally recognize victims' rights. "All too often, people focus on the rights of the criminals instead of those who have been victimized. With the passage of Proposition 9 by the citizens of this state, there should never again be any doubt about the importance of victims' rights in our criminal justice system."

Yolo County District Attorney's Office will observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week with its third annual Crime Victims' Tribute on May 1, 2009. The event will be held on the grounds of the Yolo County Courthouse, 725 Court Street, from 11:30AM – 1PM. The tribute will honor, recognize and remember Yolo County crime victim survivors.

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