

# *Proclamation*

## **DESIGNATING APRIL 23-29, 2023, AS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

*Whereas*, since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has challenged us to confront barriers to achieving justice for all victims while still reflecting on how far we have come; and

*Whereas*, millions of people every year in the United States are victims of crime, including terrible acts of violence, loss or damage of personal property, and financial exploitation, and these citizens may lose a sense of trust and safety that can never be fully recovered; and

*Whereas*, persistent barriers prevent many victims from obtaining the support and services they need and the justice they deserve, with fewer than half of violent crimes ever being reported; and

*Whereas*, local community initiatives, especially those that build trust with law enforcement, are key to preventing violence; and

*Whereas*, it is essential to improve access to services and safety for our historically marginalized and under-served communities, combat the surge in anti-Asian harassment and other hate crimes, and reduce gun violence and its impacts on victims, families, and first responders; and

*Whereas*, every crime victim deserves justice and assurance that their safety and welfare will be protected, and by being united for victims' rights and services, we gain strength as a community and offer tangible support to victims who seek to recover in the aftermath of crime.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that April 23-29, 2023 is designated as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Indian River County, and the Board calls upon all citizens to participate in events that raise awareness of victims' rights and to reach out to serve victims in need.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2023.

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