

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-023**

Proclaiming the Week of April 23rd through April 29th, 2023 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Each year, thousands of residents in Multnomah County experience victimization that can result in trauma, pain, humiliation, destabilization, and personal and financial losses.
- B. Crime victims’ rights guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voices in the criminal justice process.
- C. Including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are heard and seen and creates a path to forging and sustaining community trust.
- D. Engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible, meaningful, and centered on individual needs.
- E. The lived experiences of survivors can serve as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs, shifting existing programs in new directions, and improving policies or practices that historically prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice.
- F. National Crime Victims’ Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them.
- G. The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office and the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice are dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

## **The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

The week of April 23rd through April 29th, 2023, to be National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Multnomah County, Oregon and reaffirms the County's commitment to a victim service and criminal justice response that treats all crime victims and survivors with humanity, respect and compassion, uplifts their voices, is responsive to their unique needs, and honors all of their rights.

**ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2023.**



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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