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

### **PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-026**

Proclaiming the Week of April 18 through April 24th, 2021 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, personal and financial losses:
- **B.** Crime impacts each person uniquely, it can change the way a person sees themselves as well as how they see the world around them. It can shatter a person's sense of safety and negative consequences can ripple out into every area of their life. These impacts are felt not only by the person directly harmed but those closest to them; through families, friendships and whole communities.
- **C.** This week elevates the importance of crime victim rights' and their critical role in providing crime victims and survivors ways to meaningfully participate in the criminal justice process;
- **D.** Crimes can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;
- **E.** Serving victims, honoring their rights, and being responsive to their diverse needs, restores hope to survivors and supports healthy, thriving communities.
- **F.** The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and Multnomah County Department of Community Justice renew our commitment to preventing violence before it begins.
- **G.** On this week, we recognize and honor the dedicated efforts that Multnomah County takes every day to promote the physical, emotional, and developmental health of children, teens, adults, families and community.

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

The week of April 18 through April 24, 2021, to be National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Multnomah County, Oregon and reaffirms this County's commitment to a victim service and criminal justice response that treats all crime victims and survivors with humanity, respect and compassion, is responsive to their unique needs, and honors all of their rights.

## ADOPTED this 22th day of April 2021.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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