

PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,** Crime Victims' Rights Week serves to shed light on the needs of crime victims and the importance of providing them with a voice and rights; and
- Whereas,** the Washoe County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to continuing to work hand-in-hand with victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, and other allied professionals in their call for support for victims of crime; and
- Whereas,** this sentiment is embodied in this year's theme of "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change," which calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and create environments where survivors have confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported; and
- Whereas,** in 2022, there were 2,739 violent crimes reported in Washoe County, including Assault and Battery, Murder, Robbery and Sexual Assault, and 5,937 property crimes, including Arson, Burglary, and Larceny; and
- Whereas,** in the wake of all those cases are crime victims who have suffered emotionally, physically, and financially due to the actions of a criminal, and since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has challenged the nation to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime; and
- Whereas,** since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has challenged the nation to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime; and
- Whereas,** we as Nevadans believe victims of crime should always be treated with respect and fairness, and that engaging with survivors allows for services and support that are meaningful, and with the complete support of their community, survivors will feel empowered in facing their loss, grief, anger, and any other emotion, without fear of persecution or judgement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners joins representatives from local law enforcement, advocacy, and assistance agencies statewide to provide assistance and a stronger voice for Nevadans who have been a victim of crime, and does hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2023, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Dated this 25th day of April, 2023.

Alexis Hill, Chair
Washoe County Commission