

The County Of Yuba

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Memorandum

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jim Arnold, Chief 
Yuba County Probation Department

Subject: **Resolution Declaring April 18th –April 24th, Crime Victims' Rights Week in Yuba County** 2010

Date: April 20, 2010

Recommendation: Adopt resolution declaring April 18th –April 24,2010 Crime Victims' Rights Week and allow the Probation Departments Victim Services unit to honor local law enforcement, District Attorney staff and community members for outstanding service to the victims of Yuba County. Allow the State Victims Compensation Program, Executive Director to present the Probation department's Program and Victim Services Unit with a proclamation for outstanding service to crime victims.

Background: The Yuba County Board of Supervisors has generously and consistently supported the Yuba County Probation Victim and Program Services unit by its recognition of Crime Victims' Rights Week in Yuba County. The Board has also helped the Yuba County Probation, Victim and Program Services unit honor local law enforcement and District Attorney Staff for exemplary service to the crime victims of Yuba County each year.

Discussion: The Yuba County Probation Department Program and Victim Services have been instrumental in helping the crime victims of this County. This request is for the County to observe and acknowledge the rights of crime victims. The request also includes a brief 20 minute presentation to members of local law enforcement and community members who have throughout the past year provided exceptional service to crime victims in Yuba County.

Additionally, the Department would like to make a special recognition to both Stephen Roper and Sandra Fonley for their foresight, vision, dedication and implementation of the Program and Victim Services unit of the Department. These two individuals were instrumental in creating the model program we currently have in Yuba County. Steve served as chief and Sandy as the Program Manager for a combined total of more than 40 Years. These two individuals had a vision and sought to ensure all crime victims were treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

This year the Program and Victim Services Unit will be presented a proclamation from the State of California, Victim Compensation Program during the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 20, 2010.

Committee Action: No Committee action is required.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA

IN RE:

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 18-)
APRIL 24, 2010 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS')
RIGHTS WEEK IN CELEBRATION OF)
SERVICE TO VICTIMS OF CRIME)
AND COMMENDING YUBA PROBATION)
PROGRAM AND VICTIM SERVICES AND)
OTHER UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FOR)
PROVIDING EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO)
VICTIMS OF CRIME)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

WHEREAS, "*National Crime Victims' Rights Week*" was declared in 1981 to focus on the needs of our Nation's crime victims; and

WHEREAS, this commemoration of *National Crime Victims' Rights Week* provides a national opportunity to reflect on the devastating impact of crime on victims not only locally, but on our entire Nation, and to strengthen our national resolve to ensure that needs of victims are identified and addressed; and

WHEREAS, The national theme for Crime Victims Rights Week is "Crime Victims' Rights: FAIRNESS. DIGNITY, RESPECT," and the Yuba County Probation, Program and Victims Services has adopted this as the county motto this year; and

WHEREAS, among other statistics one violent crime is committed in America every 6 seconds and 24 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2 millions are victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, we as individuals and communities, recognize that justice isn't served until crime victims are afforded justice through the courts and the constitutional rights they are afforded in California are fully realized and this department strive to inform and enforce all rights; and,

WHEREAS, as we continue into the 21st century we are committed to creating a world where the legal rights of victims are honored and that public agencies are accountable for their treatment of victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Probation Program and Victim Services is now entering its 25th year of service to victims of crime in the Marysville and Yuba County area and celebrating the 19th annual candlelight vigil; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County Board of Supervisors commends **Cathy Adams, Program volunteer** for Yuba County Victim Witness for her dedication and service to crime victims of Yuba County on a volunteer basis; and to **Tonya English, Janet Frye-Stottmann, Teri Garcia and Delaine Mendez**, for her effort to ensure justice within the District attorney's office for victims of crime; and, to **Yuba County Sheriff's Department Detective Tammy Pecs**i, for her ongoing and tireless dedication to Law Enforcement and the protection of crime victims in the County of Yuba, especially children and victims of sexual assault; and to **Yuba County Probation Officer Penny Schrader-Rogers and Dan Ritner** for their effort to ensure justice to ensure all victims have a voice during the criminal court process and referring victims to the county Victim Services program; and to **Sutter Buttes Doll and Study Club** for their generous donations of dolls and books to child victims of crime; and the **Brownsville Quilt Guild** for their beautiful quilt donations to victims of crime.

WHEREAS, The probation Department would like to honor Stephen L. Roper and Sandra K. Fonley for their vision, perseverance and dedication to creating a model Victim Service Program in Yuba County. The Yuba County Victim Services unit is the only program in the state of California with a treatment component consisting of five licensed MFT's and one Intern MFT. Their hard work and vision of ensuring victims of Yuba County receive fairness throughout the criminal justice process, are treated with dignity and respect does not go unnoticed, both within the county government and the community; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County would like to honor all victims of crime by remembering those lost to senseless acts of violence and remember that every victim is a survivor who deserves the opportunity to be treated with dignity, fairness and respect. This Department strives to ensure that all crime victims are afforded and understand their constitutional rights through Marcy's Law; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County Probation Department Program and Victim Services is joining forces with law enforcement agencies, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Yuba County, California and all of the United States of America to observe *National Crime Victims' Rights Week*; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Yuba County proclaims the week of April 18th to April 24, 2010, to be **Yuba County, California's Crime Victims' Rights Week**, and honors crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as individuals, communities and a Nation, we value justice in America that includes and involves crime victims, and seek to serve justice by serving victims of crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitably prepared copy of this proclamation be presented to Yuba County Victim Witness on April 20, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California, on _____ by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chairman

ATTEST: DONNA STOTTLEMEYER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM: COUNTY COUNSEL

By: *K. Dennis*
