

MOTION:

**April 19, 2022
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 22-**

SECOND:

RE: PROCLAIM – APRIL 24–30, 2022 – CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the victims’ rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

WHEREAS, crime victims’ rights acts passed in Virginia and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, incorporating communities’ existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgement, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

WHEREAS, we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future;

WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process – not only victims – are appropriately educated about victims’ rights; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Right Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney Victim Witness Assistance Program is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 24–April 30, 2022 as Crime Victims’ Rights Week in Prince William County.

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Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

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For Information:

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney Victim Witness Assistance Program

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board