



## PROCLAMATION

### **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

**April 19-25, 2020**

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

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, supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals; and

WHEREAS, advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, of the State of Colorado, that the week of April 19-25, 2020 be declared as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in this county.

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Lesley Dahlkemper, Chair

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Casey Tighe, Chair Pro Tem

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Libby Szabo, Commissioner

Dated: April 21, 2020

**JEFFERSON**  
COUNTY COLORADO