



**Proclamation**  
**of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors**  
**Recognizing April 19-25, 2026 as Crime Victims' Rights Week**

**WHEREAS**, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can leave devastating impacts on the lives of any person regardless of age, race, religion, education, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has been honored every year in April to recommit pursuing justice for crime victims, promote awareness about their rights and the importance of supporting their needs in the aftermath of criminal acts; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the strength and resilience and elevating voices of crime victims creates a path to building and sustaining community trust and serves as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs and policies in the pursuit of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County recognizes the importance of a justice-oriented community that holds those who commit crimes against others accountable while rigorously seeking justice on behalf of the victims of their crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County understands that prioritizing crime victim support and prevention is essential for fostering a safe, healthy, and thriving community. It strengthens the fabric of society by supporting those affected by crime and facilitates healing, bestowing a commitment to justice that reinforces the message that victims are important and that their experiences matter; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County is a community that rejects crime in all forms. In El Dorado County, accountability reigns, and the vulnerable are fiercely protected. Prioritizing crime victim support and prevention conveys that El Dorado County does not tolerate crimes committed against its residents, businesses, community members, or visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County is dedicated to supporting victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building trust among our citizens, collaborating with service providers, and engaging our community in response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time to recognize and commemorate the resilience of crime victims and reinforce our determination to foster an environment where all victims feel supported, empowered, and heard; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County, does hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2026, as El Dorado County CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK and affirms the dedication to building connections, standing in solidarity with crime victims and creating a future where healing and hope are within reach of everyone during El Dorado County Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find meaningful assistance, support, justice, and peace.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

**Attest:**

Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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*Deputy Clerk*

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*Brooke Laine, Chair, Board of Supervisors*