

## **Proclamation**

### **“National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”**

**April 6-12, 2025**

**Whereas**, the term “victim” is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go along with it; and,

**Whereas**, crime victims’ rights acts passed here in Colorado and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process; and,

**Whereas**, victim services providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and,

**Whereas**, the right to provide an impact statement ensures that victims’ voices are considered in court during the sentencing and, when applicable, restitution processes; and,

**Whereas**, including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are heard and seen and creates a path to forgoing and sustaining community trust; and,

**Whereas**, engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible, meaningful, and centered on the individual needs; and,

**Whereas**, survivors’ lived experience can serve as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs, shifting existing programs in new directions, and changing policies and practices that prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice; and,

**Whereas**, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice system; and,

**Whereas**, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 6-12, 2025, is an opportune time to recommit listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, the District Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial District, and the Sheriff of Adams County are hereby dedicated to serving victims, building trust, and restoring hope for justice and healing and reaffirm their commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year; and express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving Adams County’s response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed April 8, 2025.*