



## ***National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7–13, 2019***

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald Reagan instituted the National Crime Victims' Rights Week in 1981, sparking a national commitment to more equitable and supportive responses to victims by promoting victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support;

**WHEREAS**, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

**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;

**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 judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected;

**WHEREAS**, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;

**WHEREAS**, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights 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 and social service systems;

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime, and

**WHEREAS**, the Collin County District Attorney and Collin County Commissioners Court join with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Collin County, Texas and America are hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Greg Willis, \_\_\_\_\_, as Collin County District Attorney and we, as the Collin County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2019, as **Crime Victims' Rights Week**, reaffirming Collin County's commitment to victims service and criminal justice response assisting all victims of crime throughout the year, and we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to 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 relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

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Chris Hill I , County Judge

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Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Darrel Hale, Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4