

Date of Hearing: May 18, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 144 (Seyarto) – As Introduced March 10, 2026

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** Crime Victims' Rights Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the week of April 19, 2026, to April 25, 2026, inclusive, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Violent crime continues to exist in California, and crime in one part of the state, or crime against one person, affects our entire sense of well-being. All Californians are affected by crime, not just the victims of violent crime.
- 2) The most effective aid that can be provided to victims of crime is to prevent crime from happening in the first place.
- 3) Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has raised awareness of the special needs of crime victims.
- 4) This year's theme of "Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect Victims, Serve Communities." is a call-to-action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime.
- 5) Victims and witnesses of crime require special attention to ensure that they are thoroughly informed about, and effectively participate in, the criminal justice system.
- 6) The criminal justice system in this state must persist in its effort to better coordinate and improve the quality of services provided to victims and witnesses.
- 7) California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition 8, the Victims' Bill of Rights.
- 8) Each year, the observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week focuses on the problems confronting victims of crime and the services available to support these victims.
- 9) The remembrances observed during National Crime Victims' Rights Week promote awareness of victims' issues and acknowledge the combined efforts of citizens, the government, and the criminal justice system to improve victims' services in California.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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