

Date of Hearing: April 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 36 (Seyarto) – As Introduced March 10, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 39-0

SUBJECT: Crime Victims' Rights Week.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the week of April 6, 2025, to April 12, 2025, 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.
- 2) All Californians are affected by crime, not just the victims of violent crime. 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, the theme for this week is "Kinship," which asks friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, community leaders, victim service providers, criminal justice practitioners, and health professionals how we can help crime victims. This year's theme is a call-to-action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime.
- 5) California citizens enshrined victims' rights in the California Constitution in 1982 through the passage of Proposition 8, the Victims' Bill of Rights. California citizens reaffirmed and afforded additional rights to victims in the California Constitution and in California law in 2008 through the passage of Proposition 9, the Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy's Law.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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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