

PROCLAMATION

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 Texas and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, victim service 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 forging and sustaining community trust; and

WHEREAS, engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible, meaningful and centered on 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 or practices that prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them; and

WHEREAS, Brazoria County District Attorney Crime Victim Department is hereby dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported. Our Crime Victims Department hosts a Candlelight Vigil and this marks their 30th year for the community of survivors to come together for this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Brazoria County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim April 6, 2025 to April 12, 2025 as

CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK

in Brazoria County, where we are committed to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week. We express 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 relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025.

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