

Proclamation



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals, and communities; and

Whereas, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

Whereas, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; and

Whereas, unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma; and

Whereas, victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services, and participate in the justice process; and

Whereas, a multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims – especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

Whereas, strengthening the multidisciplinary response – bringing diverse skills, perspectives, and understandings together in the service of victims – also serves to build the resilience of those responders, by strengthening the confidence in their roles, abilities, and sense of contribution; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 2 – 8, 2017, provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

Whereas, City of Brighton is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard N. McLean, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2 – 8, 2017 as *National Crime Victims' Rights Week* and reaffirm the City of Brighton's 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 to 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.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2017.

CITY OF BRIGHTON

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Richard N. McLean, Mayor
Ken Kreutzer, Mayor Pro Tem
Lynn Baca
Rex Bell
J.W. Edwards
Mark Humbert
Joan Kniss
Mary Ellen Pollack
Kirby Wallin

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Natalie Hoel".
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk