

Proclamation



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 21-27, 2024

WHEREAS, the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws that the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed here in Colorado and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process – not only victims – are appropriately educated about victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals; and

WHEREAS, we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement – achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the country – inspire in us hope for future progress and greater healing; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors crime victims and survivors, recognizes the professionals and volunteers who provide critical services to victims of crime, and raises awareness about crime victims' rights and services; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is a call-to-action for us all to create safe environments for crime victims to share what happened to them; that by doing so, we are able to offer support, options for life-saving services, and most importantly, hope; and

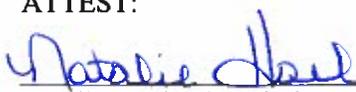
WHEREAS, the City of Brighton is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 – 27, 2024 as *Crime Victims' Rights Week* reaffirming 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 expressing 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 2nd day of April 2024



ATTEST:


Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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