

Proclamation



National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 6 – 12, 2025

WHEREAS, The victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at 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, 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, the City of Brighton acknowledges this year's theme of "KINSHIP, Connecting and Healing" which underscores the connections that build bridges to support, services, and shared strength among survivors, advocates, and communities; and

WHEREAS, KINSHIP is the foundation of victim advocacy, inspiring trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are; and

WHEREAS, through KINSHIP, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience, and offer pathways to healing; 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 April 6-12, 2025 as Crime Victims' Rights Week reaffirming the city's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during this 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 1st Day of April 2025



CITY OF BRIGHTON

Gregory Mills, Mayor

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