

Proclamation



National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 19 – 25, 2026

WHEREAS, since 1981, communities across the United States have observed National Crime Victims' Rights Week to promote victims' rights, honor crime victims and survivors, and recognize those who provide advocacy, support, and services; and

WHEREAS, crime victims have constitutional and statutory rights, including the right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, to be informed, to be present, and to be heard within the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, despite significant progress in advancing victims' rights, many victims continue to face barriers to accessing services, navigating complex systems, and achieving meaningful justice; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme, "**Listen. Act. Advocate. Protect victims. Serve Communities.**", calls upon communities to center victims' voices, respond with coordinated and trauma-informed action, and champion policies and practices that strengthen rights and services; and

WHEREAS, listening to victims fosters trust, acting with purpose ensures timely and effective support, and advocating alongside survivors strengthens the safety and resilience of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton recognizes the dedicated professionals, volunteers, law enforcement personnel, victim advocates, and community partners who work collaboratively to protect victims, uphold their rights, and serve our community with compassion and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton reaffirms its commitment to supporting crime victims, enhancing access to services, and promoting justice for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026 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 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 7th Day of April 2026



CITY OF BRIGHTON

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Gregory Mills, Mayor
Peter Padilla, Mayor Pro Tem
Melinda Carbajal
Rhianon Collins
Chris Fiedler
Tom Green
Jim Snyder
Ann Taddeo
Lloyd Worth

ATTEST:

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Natalie Hoel, City Clerk