

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

National Crime Victims' Rights Week on April 24-30, 2022

WHEREAS, more than 26 million people become victims of crime each year, and these crimes also affect family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers;

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Victim-Witness Division is dedicated to ensuring the rights of crime victims and their families by providing services to aid in their recovery from the emotional, psychological, social, and economic impact of crime as they reclaim their sense of safety, well-being, and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Victim-Witness staff assists victims of crime without regard to a person's race, gender, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Victim-Witness Assistance Program was the first such program established in 1974, beginning with one Victim Advocate. Today, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office employs more than 60 individuals dedicated to working with victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Victim-Witness Assistance Division provided over 4,503 services to more than 643 crime victims in San Leandro; and

WHEREAS, for victims of crime without independent financial means, the District Attorney's office facilitated financial support through the Victim Compensation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office has been a leader in outreach and services to underserved populations and in doing so, has been bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community and building the community's trust in the Criminal Justice System.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2022, to be Alameda County Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirm our commitment to respecting and enforcing crime victims' rights and addressing their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this eighteenth day of April 2022.
