

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 034

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 – APRIL 24, 2022, AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM’S RIGHTS WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY.

WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, progress in improving treatment of crime victims has been made through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their own experiences into a force for positive change, ensuring that others can receive justice, meaningful assistance, and compassionate treatment before the law; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and through the dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones;

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims – including their rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect – and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Sheriff’s Office has employed a Crime Victim’s Advocate since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County’s Crime Victim’s Advocate provides a variety of services to victims including emotional support, explanations of the investigative process, assisting with the injunction process, housing needs, and in some cases, relocation; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Nassau County's Crime Victim's Advocate served 324 victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Victim's Advocate provides compassion, understanding, and support to individuals in our community and ensures that everyone, regardless of age, race, social status or sexual orientation, is given access to healing services and avenues to justice; and


WHEREAS, our community's continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost, and that new ground is broken to gain justice and healing for all victims; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 40th anniversary of National Crime Victim's Rights Week and as such, the Board of County Commissioners feels it is important to recognize the efforts of our local Crime Victim's Advocate and to express their support of this important service to the residents of Nassau County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 20th day of April, 2022, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

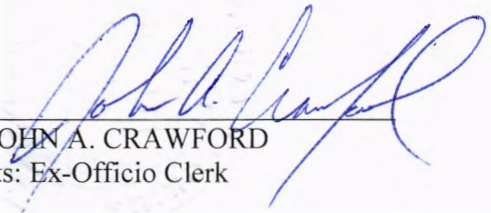
1. The Board hereby proclaims the week of April 18-April 24, 2022 as National Crime Victim's Rights Week.
2. The Board extends their gratitude to the Nassau County Sheriff's Office for employing a Crime Victim's Advocate to serve our community.
3. The Board commends the Crime Victim's Advocate for all she does to support victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime.

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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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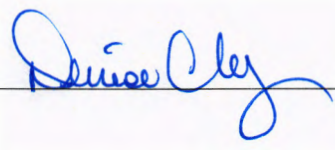
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County
Attorney:



Denise Cley