



Proclamation

BY THESE PRESENTS, BE IT KNOWN that the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, presents this Proclamation for recognition of

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Whereas, the Victim Assistance Unit in the Johnson County District Attorney's Office was established in 1978 so that the criminal justice system would be more responsive to the needs of crime victims;

Whereas, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime; and

Whereas, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities; and

Whereas, many victims face barriers—such as isolation, distrust of authorities, language limitations, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers—that keep them from accessing the services and criminal justice systems that can help them recover from crime; and

Whereas, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the resources that can help them recover; and

Whereas, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, does hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week," and express 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.



Signed, Sealed & Presented this the 15th day of April
in the year 2021.

Board of County Commissioners
Johnson County, Kansas

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Eilert", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Ed Eilert, Chairman