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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WELD COUNTY, CO – This week, the Board of County Commissioners proclaimed April 19-25 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and reaffirmed Weld County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights.

Each year more than 26 million of American's are the victims of a crime. The Weld County Victim Services Unit was established to assist victims with information, support and education regarding the criminal justice system.



Weld County Commissioners present the proclamation to Michael Rourke, Weld County District Attorney. Also, in attendance were Weld County Sheriff Steve Reams and members from the Weld County Area Agency on Aging, Assault Survivors Advocacy Program, Catholic Charities, District Attorney Victim Witness Unit, Greeley Police Department Victim Services, Lutheran Family Services, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center, A Women's Place and 19th Judicial District.

"When someone is the victim of a crime they have to deal with emotional, physical and financial impacts of that crime," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "The support the Weld County Victim Services Unit and other Weld County organizations provide is invaluable to the victims."

National Crime Victims' Rights Week not only recognizes victims but also celebrates the energy, creativity and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, improved its progress and continues to advance the cause of just for victims.

"It is incredibly important to give a victim the control of their life back after they have been impacted by a criminal event," said Weld County Sheriff Steve Reams. "The formal recognition this week by the Weld County Commissioners is very impactful to recognizing the rights of all victims."

For more information about the Weld County Victim Services Unit, visit www.weldda.com.

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