

National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 6-12, 2025

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) has challenged the Nation to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime. During NCVRW, we recognize the accomplishments of the victims' rights movement and reflect on how far we have come.

Every April, Office for Victims of Crime leads communities throughout the country in their annual observances of NCVRW. In 2025, we will observe NCVRW on April 6–12, with the theme—

Connecting < KINSHIP > Healing

This year's theme of KINSHIP is a call to action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime. KINSHIP is a state of being with survivors that drives vital connections to services, rights, and healing. KINSHIP is where victim advocacy begins.

Whereas, Americans are victims of more than 23.5 million crimes each year and these crimes also affect family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers;

Whereas, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds;

Whereas, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face criminal, military and juvenile justice systems that, at times, ignore their rights and treat them with disrespect;

Whereas, in 1984, the Crime Victims Fund was established by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to provide a permanent source of support for crime victim services and compensation through fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders;

Whereas, the Crime Victims Fund today supports thousands of victim assistance programs who provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes;

Whereas, by ensuring that federal offender criminal fines and penalties are deposited into the Crime Victims Fund, Congress affirmed that those who commit crimes should be held accountable for the impact of their actions;

Whereas, the Crime Victims Fund provides victim assistance to more than 3.5 million crime victims annually and also provides compensation funds to thousands of crime victims each year for reimbursement of expenses related to their victimization;

Whereas, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of newly recognized crimes, such as domestic minor sex trafficking and cybercrime, and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender;

Whereas, now is the time to embrace a new emphasis on learning what works in reaching underserved victims and meeting victims' needs;

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 6-12, 2025, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

Whereas, Crook County Attorney's Office is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Crook County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

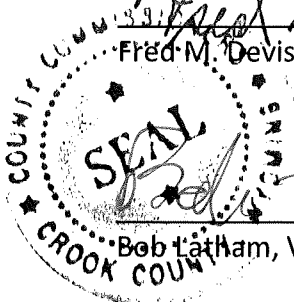
Now therefore, I, Joseph M. Baron, Crook County and Prosecuting Attorney, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2025, as:

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and reaffirm this County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address victims' needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

Signature: Joseph M. Baron Date: April 1, 2025

Fred M. Devish
Fred M. Devish, Chairman

The seal of Crook County, Oregon, is a circular emblem. It features a central five-pointed star. The words "SEAL" and "CROOK COUNTY" are inscribed within the circle, with "SEAL" at the top and "CROOK COUNTY" at the bottom. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "CROOK COUNTY, OREGON".
Bob Latham
Bob Latham, Vice-Chairman

John D. Davis
John D. Davis, Member