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**Hudson County Board of Commissioners Declare April 24 thru 30, 2022 Crime Victims' Rights Week: 38 Years Restoring the Balance of Justice**

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Jersey City-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners declare April 24 thru 30, 2022 Crime Victims' Rights Week.

2022 marks the 38<sup>th</sup> annual commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The victims' rights discipline in America has, for over three decades, worked towards a nation that is free from violence and an America where crime victims are consistently provided supportive services to help them cope with the trauma of crime and victimization.

While the rate of most crimes continues to decrease, U.S. residents still experience nearly 31 million criminal victimizations, including nearly 8.1 million violent crimes.

Over 30,000 federal and state laws have been passed that define and protect the rights of crime victims. 34 states have passed constitutional amendments that afford victims important participatory rights throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems. A federal constitutional amendment is currently pending in the U.S. Congress.

Important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals and victim services to ensure that crime victims are treated with dignity and respect.

Our nation's commitment to victim assistance, crime prevention and public safety has resulted in countless individuals and collaborative initiatives that truly do our community justice.

The new millennium affords us the opportunity to continue in the movement of Victims' Rights to "Restore the Balance of Justice," in a nation where liberty and justice for all includes each and every person who has been touched by crime.

Victim service providers and allied professionals can reach more victims through innovative, trauma-informed programs, such as telehealth services and multidisciplinary teams.

Victim service providers and allied professionals can increase access to victim services and compensation in areas that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality by implementing culturally responsive services.

Equity and inclusion are fundamental prerequisites to survivor care, and survivor-led services that provide victims with opportunities to share their experiences are essential blueprints for support.

Board Chairman Anthony Vainieri and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hudson joins the Hudson County Prosecutor's office in proclaiming the week of April 24-30, 2014 to be New Jersey Crime Victims' Rights Week. Our individual and collective efforts reflect "38 Years Restoring the Balance of Justice" having a nation where no crime victim goes unserved, and every crime victim is afforded rights, services, and fair treatment by the justice system and by society.

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