

**Resolution No. R-020- 035**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 19-25, 2020 AS CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS  
WEEK IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.**

***WHEREAS***, the national crime victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

***WHEREAS***, Colorado voters amended the State Constitution to include Crime Victims' Rights in 1992 to provide victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

***WHEREAS***, supporting victims of crime is crucial to the U.S. justice system because our support honors the experiences of victims and allows them to find autonomy and empowerment through achieving self-defined goals; and

***WHEREAS***, Douglas County Sheriff's Victims' Assistant Unit assisted 3,498 people in crisis and handled 1,414 criminal and non-criminal cases in 2019; and

***WHEREAS***, we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives; and

***WHEREAS***, advocacy by and for victims of crime is itself a form of seeking justice, no less than justice sought in the courts; and

***WHEREAS***, the accomplishments of the national crime victims' rights movement - achieved through compassion and collaboration, and built on the courageous advocacy of individual victims and their families across the county - inspire in us hope for future progress and greater healing; and

***WHEREAS***, we are determined to respond to crime and violence by helping victims find not only support, recovery, and justice, but also a sense of hope for their future; and

***WHEREAS***, Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

***WHEREAS***, Douglas County is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors; now, therefore,

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas Colorado, does hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2020, Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming Douglas County's commitment to creating awareness of victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 14th day of April 2020, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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**BY:**

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*Roger A. Partridge*

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**ROGER A. PARTRIDGE, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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*Emily Wrenn*

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**EMILY WRENN, Clerk to the Board**

