



National Crime Victim's Rights Week 2023

WHEREAS, the 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, crime victims' rights acts passed here in California and at the Federal level have provided victims with way to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process-not only victims-are appropriately educated about victims' rights; 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, we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives; 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, The Kerman Police Department is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of a 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 Kerman City Council hereby proclaims April 23 – 29, 2022, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in the City of Kerman.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 22nd day of March 2022.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor