

# PROCLAMATION

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## **National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 18-24, 2021**

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process – not only victims – are appropriately informed and educated about victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, we are determined to help victims and find support, recovery, justice and a sense of hope for their future; and

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

WHEREAS, The City of Albany is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors, building resilience in our communities and our victim services providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors.

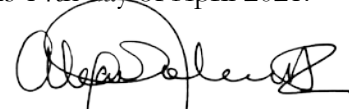
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18, 2021, as

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in Albany, Oregon, and I encourage all residents to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 14th day of April 2021.

  
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Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor