

NEWS RELEASE

**MONTEREY COUNTY JOINS NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF 2016
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
"Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope"
April 8, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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During the week of April 10 through April 16, 2016, crime victims and survivors and those who serve them, will join together across America to promote victims' rights and services, and to educate our communities about the devastating impact of crime on victims, neighborhoods, schools, and our nation as a whole.

Since 1978, the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Victims of Crime Unit has worked diligently with the victims of crime to ensure that they are aware of victim assistance and compensation programs that can help them cope with the aftermath of crime. In 2015, the unit provided over 20,215 mandated services to 3,382 new crime victims in Monterey County.

The 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week not only honors the victims of crime, but the many agencies that assist them as well.

Please join members of our community in honoring victims of crime at the Monterey County Government Center, Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas. The event will feature Avelina Torres as the Inspirational Speaker, a slide show in honor of those murdered in Monterey County; an invitation to survivors of homicide to announce the name of their loved one and the release of doves in memory of all victims of crime.

For additional information, please contact Victim Witness Program Manager Pamela Patterson at (831) 755-5072.