

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-____

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

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

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed in Colorado and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, crime impacts individuals and families across all backgrounds, leaving lasting emotional, physical and financial effects, demanding a compassionate, community-focused response; and

WHEREAS, from April 19-25, 2026, communities nationwide will observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week under the theme, "*Listen. Act. Advocate. – Protect Victims, Serve Communities,*" calling for collective commitment to supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, criminal justice professionals, and community members must work collaboratively to ensure services are trauma-informed, accessible, and culturally responsive; and

WHEREAS, meaningful support begins when we *Listen*, creating safe spaces that ensure survivors are heard, believed, and respected; and

WHEREAS, listening must lead to *Action*, providing trauma-informed services, raising awareness, reducing system barriers, and connecting victims with critical resources; and

WHEREAS, we are called to *Advocate*, upholding survivors' rights, amplifying their voices in justice processes, and championing for change that fosters healing and safety; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an important moment to recommit local efforts by asking, "How will we listen, act, advocate, and protect?" throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County community stands united in delivering compassionate support, promoting justice, and reinforcing the dignity of every individual affected by crime, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Commissioners recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week, expressing profound gratitude to the survivors, advocates, and professionals working tirelessly to ensure justice, healing, and safety for all.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado,

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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BY: _____
GEORGE TEAL, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Hayley Hall, Clerk to the Board