



**BY THE PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCLAMATION**

**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
APRIL 21-27, 2024**

WHEREAS, in the year 2023, the Pinal County Attorney's Office served over 4,457 victims and provided over 75,916 individual services; and

WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, progress in improving the treatment of crime victims has been made through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their own experiences into a force for positive change, ensuring that others can receive justice, meaningful assistance, and compassionate treatment before the law; and

WHEREAS, the entire community has a role to play; and

WHEREAS, involving victims helps service providers and criminal justice professionals understand the culture, values, and expectations of unserved and underserved victims who seek assistance and justice; and

WHEREAS, engaging victims' communities and learning from leaders about their unique needs help service providers foster a supportive and culturally relevant atmosphere in which victims can seek help and healing; and

WHEREAS, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve victims will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, with the full weight of the community and victim service providers behind them, victims will feel understood and worthy of support and begin to heal from the trauma of victimization, without fear of judgment; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21 through April 27, 2024, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, Pinal County is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors, building partnerships and resilience in our communities, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 21 through April 27, 2024, as "**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**" and reaffirm this county's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week, and throughout the year, and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace. Proclaimed this 24th day of April 2024.

Mike Goodman, Chairman, District 2

Jeffrey McClure, Vice-Chairman, District 4

Kevin Cavanaugh, District 1

Stephen Q. Miller, District 3

ATTEST:

Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board

Jeff Serdy, District 5