

Proclamation **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

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

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and through the dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

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

WHEREAS, identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime—especially those from groups that often have less access to healing services and avenues to justice—is essential; and

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

WHEREAS, Tarrant County is hereby dedicated to supporting victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building trust among our citizens, collaborating with service providers, and engaging our community in response efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24-30, 2022, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Tarrant County and reaffirm our commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during this week and throughout the year; and expressing 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 to find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this the 10th day of May 2022.