

# *Proclamation*

## **“NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”**

**April 18 – 24, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience. Since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 and the establishment of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, an annual commemoration that is dedicated to promote victims’ rights, services and support, and to inform about victimization and the effects it has on individuals, families, friends, and the community, 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**, individuals’ trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted, and coordinated outreach. 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**, the Plano Police Department’s Victim Services Program provides services free of charge to help reduce the short and long term effects due to violent crimes for those distressed and is dedicated to strengthening victims and those who survive in the aftermath of crime, and working for a better future for those who were touched by the unlawful activities of others;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY LAROSILIERE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS**, do hereby proclaim **April 18 - 24, 2021** as “**National Crime Victims’ Rights Week**” in Plano. I do thereby encourage all citizens to join me and the Plano City Council in thanking the **Plano Police Department** and the **Plano Victim Services Program** and all criminal justice professionals who work to safeguard the members of our community.



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