

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Adopt a proclamation declaring the week of April 21-27, 2013 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week

| ITEM TYPE | MEETING DATE | AMOUNT REQUIRED |
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| PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS | April 23, 2013 | |

LINE ITEM NUMBER

AUDITOR USE ONLY

AUDITOR COMMENTS:

PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOLLOWED: N/A AUDITOR REVIEW: N/A

| REQUESTED BY | SPONSOR | CO-SPONSOR |
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SUMMARY

Please refer to attached proclamation.

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HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Resolution # **28955** VOL **V** PG **142**



**Proclamation
National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21-27, 2013**

Whereas, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers;

Whereas, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds;

Whereas, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that, at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect;

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

Whereas, the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support;

Whereas, today thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes;

Whereas, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of new crimes like cybercrime and terrorism and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning;

Whereas, now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs;

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Justice, through the Vision 21 initiative, calls for a renewed commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21st century;

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21-27, 2013, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

Whereas, Hay County is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout [Your City/County/Parish/State/Tribe] and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week:

Now therefore, we, the Hays County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2013, as **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** and reaffirm this County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

ADOPTED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF 2013

Bert Cobb, M.D., Hays County Judge

Absent

Debbie Ingallsbe, Commissioner Pct 1

Mark Jones, Commissioner Pct 2

Will Conley, Commissioner Pct 3

Ray Whisenant, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest:

Liz Q. Gonzales, Hays County Clerk

