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**April 10-16 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week  
On April 14, the District Attorney will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Victims' Tribute**

(Woodland, CA) – March 18, 2016 -Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and Yolo County Victim Services Program will recognize 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) with the Tenth Annual Crime Victims' Tribute. This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be celebrated from April 10-16. The theme—*Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope.*—presents the opportunity to highlight the importance of providing needed services at the earliest stage of victimization. Early intervention helps prevent both further victimization and involvement in the criminal justice system, thus addressing the cycle of violence and restoring hope for the future.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week honors and celebrates the achievements of the past thirty years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims' suffering. VOCA also funds victim compensation programs that pay victims' out-of-pocket expenses such as counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages.

“If victims are to trust that the criminal justice system will work for them, we have to focus our attention on the victim after the crime occurs. We must meet them where they are—physically, culturally, and emotionally,” said Laura Valdes, Program Manager of Yolo County DA Victim Services. “We can all play a role in helping victims as they rebuild their lives.”

Yolo County Victim Services will observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week at the annual Crime Victims' Tribute which will be held on April 14, 2016 from 12pm – 12:50pm. The event will be held at the Woodland Opera House at 340 Second Street, Woodland. The tribute honors Yolo County crime victim survivors and their families.

We invite the entire community to attend the tribute and join us as we recognize individuals not only as victims but as strong survivors who are part of our strong community. For additional information about 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to help victims in your community, please contact Yolo County Victim Services at 530.666.8187 or visit [www.yoloda.org](http://www.yoloda.org).

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