



PROCLAMATION

National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 21 – 27, 2024

Whereas, surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues; and

Whereas, we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them; and

Whereas, each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others; and

Whereas, it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope; and

Whereas, victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and responsive support; and

Whereas, we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice; and

Whereas, we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope — the belief that the future will be better — is not just tangible but within their reach; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?"; and

Whereas, the City of Avondale is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21 – 27, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights Week and 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.

Mayor Weise

Attest:

City Clerk