

**CITY OF SAND CITY
RESOLUTION SC 20-17, 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAND CITY DESIGNATING
THE WEEK OF APRIL 19 through APRIL 25, 2020 AS
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

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; and

WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victim's rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as supports thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; 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, *National Crime Victims' Rights Week*, provides an opportunity to recommit ensuring that all victims of crime - especially those who are challenging to reach or serve - are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

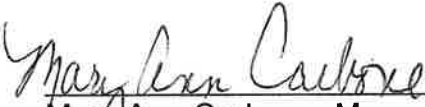
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sand City hereby expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to

improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Sand City on this 17th day of March, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carbone, Cruz, Sofer
NOES: None
ABSENT: Council Members Blackwelder, Hawthorne
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:



Mary Ann Carbone, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda K. Scholink, City Clerk