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Secretary Caballero Proclaims April 10 – 16 “California Crime Victims’ Rights Week”

California is proud to once again to participate with the nation in observing National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and to show our support for victims of crime, their families and survivors. All too often, crime victims and their loved ones face severe physical, emotional and even financial trauma and need our support.

This week provides an opportunity to highlight our past accomplishments that have helped victims of crime reshape their destinies and ensure that they receive the support they need, the respect they deserve, and the rights they have earned. It also calls us to recommit to insisting on better treatment for victims to help them overcome the harm caused by crime.

Since 1965, California has been home to the first Victim Compensation Program in the nation. CalVCP has paid out over \$2 billion in financial support to crime victims who have no way of paying for funeral costs, medical bills or mental health treatment. More work remains to be done to meet the needs of victims of non-violent crime, victims of terrorism, and other underserved victims.

We applaud the progress that our State has made in recognizing the impact of crime on victims and celebrate advocates and survivors who through their determination have brought rights and resources for victims and have changed the course of history.

As we look to the future, I ask all Californians to join me in recognizing the strength and courage of victims, first responders and advocates all across California, who tirelessly come together in the face of tragedy.

I am proud today to proclaim the week of April 10 – 16 “California Crime Victims’ Rights Week” and to join you in observing this important occasion.

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