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California Crime Victims' Rights Week

California has been a leader in victim services since 1965, when our state established the first Victims Compensation Program in the nation to assist victims of violent crime in recovering from their physical, emotional and financial losses.

Dedicated service providers and advocates in numerous organizations work tirelessly to assist the recovery of crime victims. The theme of this year's California Crime Victims' Rights Week, "Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims," highlights our continuous efforts to ensure that no victim of crime is left behind.

The importance of Crime Victims' Rights Week is underscored by the tragic shooting in Las Vegas last October, which impacted more than 14,000 California residents, with nearly three dozen losing their lives and dozens seriously injured. I commend everyone who protects and serves victims, inside and outside of the criminal justice system, at government agencies or with local organizations.

This week is an opportunity to recognize all of those who work to preserve and promote crime victims' rights and to let crime victims know that California is committed to supporting them in their journeys to recovery and justice.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.