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**CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK & HOMICIDE MEMORIAL EVENT
IN SHASTA COUNTY**

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National Crime Victims' Rights Week & Homicide Memorial Event

April 19-25, 2015

Today the Shasta County Board of Supervisors proclaimed April 19-25, 2015 as Crime Victim's Rights Week in Shasta County. The proclamation was accepted by District Attorney Stephen Carlton and Chief Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett.

Every April, the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's NCVRW will be held April 19-25 and the theme "*Engaging Communities. Empowering Victims.*" presents the opportunity to highlight the diversity of our communities, expand partnerships to serve victims of crime, enhance efforts to meet victims where they are, and empower crime victims as they pursue justice and recovery.

The Shasta County Crime Victims Assistance Center is organizing a homicide victims memorial on April 20, 2015. This memorial is designed to engage our community in honoring victims lost in tragic and unexpected ways. Redding Police Department, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, Anderson Police Department and California Highway Patrol will be in attendance to discuss the impact this crime has on our community. Mayor Francie Sullivan will also be in attendance and speak about the impact of homicides on our community.

This memorial will be a time for families of homicide victims to be honored and recognized. Family Dynamics Resource Center will be distributing necklaces symbolizing the relationship a

participant had with their lost loved one and participants will be encouraged to write their loved one's name on a stone to place in HOPES Garden. Additionally, a special presentation will be made to the surviving mother and grandmother of Sandy Miller, Shelby Miller and Shasta Miller.

This event will be held in HOPES Garden at the City of Redding Civic Center April 20, 2015 at 10 am. HOPES Garden is a garden dedicated to victims, symbolizing Honoring Our Promise of Everlasting Service, to the community and victims of crime.

We are partnering with the City of Redding, Family Dynamics Resource Center, One Safe Place, local law enforcement and others to increase awareness, engage our community and empower victims.

If you have questions regarding this event please contact the Shasta County Crime Victim Assistance Center at 530-225-5220.

We hope you will join us in honoring victims of Shasta County.