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**TO:** Honorable Council President Fortunato Bas and  
Honorable Members of City Council

**FROM:** Sheng Thao  
Councilmember, District 4

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to Proclaim April 18-24, 2021 Victims' Rights Week

**DATE:** April 20, 2021

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Dear Councilmembers and Members of the Public,

More than 26 million people become victims of crime each year, victims are faced with many challenges because of crime; often, victims enter systems that fail to meet their needs, provide appropriate services and fail to treat them with the dignity and respect they deserve.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Assistance Program was the first such program established in 1974 to address the needs of survivors. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office continues to join forces with the victim service providers, criminal justice agencies, and concerned citizens throughout Alameda County to raise awareness of victim's rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

In 2020, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Victim/Witness Assistance Division provided over 26,500 services to more than 4,886 crime victims in the city of Oakland, including child victims of violence and sexual abuse, stalking victims, survivors of homicide victims, human trafficking, crimes against elders and dependent adults, sexual assault, domestic violence, robbery and other crimes.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Claims Division assisted more than 1,476 victims of crime in Oakland in receiving state compensation funds; successfully compensated \$1,759,787 which paid for services for victims of crime without independent means.

For those reason, I ask for your support of this resolution proclaiming April 18-24, 2021 to be Victims' Rights Week, reaffirming our commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and addressing their needs during Victims' Rights Weeks and throughout the year.

Respectfully,



Sheng Thao,  
Council President Pro Tempore, District 4