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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO UNVEIL MEMORIAL QUILT
DURING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

The public is invited to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2019 at the District Attorney's annual memorial quilt unveiling at 6 pm on Tuesday, April 9th at the Visalia Convention Center Charter Oak Ballroom.

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has brought attention to the millions of Americans impacted by crime and the people who advocate on their behalf. In Tulare County, the District Attorney has observed the week with the annual unveiling of a memorial quilt depicting local residents lost to violent crime. This year's handmade quilt, the office's 19th such memorial, will represent 13 people. Quilts from previous observances will be on display that night and at the Visalia Convention Center from 10 am to 6:30 pm on April 10th.

The theme for this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Honoring Our Past – Creating Hope for the Future."

"For nearly twenty years, this ceremony has embodied the theme of honor and hope for those taken too soon by violent crime and those they left behind," said District Attorney Tim Ward. "In a time when victims of violent crime and their families are unsure of their standing in our system of justice, for at least an evening they can feel wholly embraced by those who care, those who remember, and those who share in their lasting endurance."

Both the quilt ceremony and display are open to the public.

For more information on National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit the Office for Victims of Crime at <https://www.ovc.gov/>.

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