

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4626, by Representatives Graham, Caldier, Abbarno, Barkis, Barnard, Chambers, Chandler, Cheney, Christian, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, Eslick, Goehner, Griffey, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kretz, Low, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Robertson, Rude, Sandlin, Schmick, Steele, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Ybarra, and Schmidt

1 WHEREAS, Survivors of crimes, regardless of the offense committed
2 against them, often carry physical scars, injuries, disabilities, and
3 emotional trauma as a result of surviving these attacks; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the united health foundation, "America's
5 Health Rankings in 2022," for every 1,000 residents of Washington in
6 2020, there were 2.94 instances of violent crime in the form of
7 murders, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Washington association of sheriffs and
9 police chiefs in 2021, there were 325 cases of murder, 36 cases of
10 manslaughter, 2,572 cases of rape, 17,440 cases of aggravated
11 assault, 1,376 cases of kidnapping, 211 cases of statutory rape, 65
12 cases of human trafficking, and 365,122 reported incidences of crimes
13 against property amounting to over 1.2 billion dollars of stolen
14 property; and

15 WHEREAS, The national coalition against domestic violence
16 estimates that 41.4 percent of Washington women and 31.7 percent of
17 Washington men experience intimate partner rape, stalking, or other
18 physical violence; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Justice
20 report "Socio-emotional Impact of Violent Crime," victims often face
21 nonphysical challenges, such as the possibility of trauma and
22 posttraumatic stress or socio-emotional problems, affecting their
23 ability to trust or function day-to-day; and

1 WHEREAS, The impact of all crime often affects more than just the
2 direct victims, devastating thousands of these victims' families and
3 friends across Washington as well; and

4 WHEREAS, Law-abiding citizens are deserving of justice, rights,
5 resources, restoration, and rehabilitation; and

6 WHEREAS, The Washington state house of representatives recognize
7 the importance of honoring victims regardless of the manner, size, or
8 type of crime committed against them because of the adversity they
9 face and the resilience they exemplify;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the house of representatives
11 recognize the plight of those affected and victimized by all types of
12 crime, whether violent or nonviolent, and honor those victims and the
13 survivors amongst them; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
15 transmitted to the victim support services, the office of crime
16 victim's advocacy, and L&I's crime victim's compensation programs.

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18 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
19 Resolution 4626 adopted by the House of Representatives
20 March 10, 2023
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk