

**Local Program Receives Community Awareness Project Funding for 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week**



North Platte, Nebraska. The Lincoln County Victim Witness Unit is one of 40 recipients selected from over 240 applicants submitted nationwide to receive funding from the US Department of Justice, to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The awarded funding will be used to recognize victims of all crimes as part of a Community Awareness Project. The Project is part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance that takes place April 24-30, 2022. First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness of and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "**Rights, Access, Equity for all victims**".

Members of our community are encouraged to help promote justice by joining our 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities. We would like you to join us in this honor on the Lincoln County Courthouse lawn in North Platte on April 27, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. There will be a tree planting, free stress balls, literature and T-shirts for the first 30 people.

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators is a non-profit organization that represents the 56 state agencies that distribute money from the federal Victims' of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund to more than 4,000 direct victim assistance service providers. The money in the Crime Victims Fund comes from fines collected from offenders convicted of federal crimes and not from U.S. taxpayers.

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