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NEWS RELEASE

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**RE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY C. DAVID EYSTER
ANNOUNCES NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 10-16, 2011. This year's theme is "Reshaping the Future Honoring the Past".

This is an opportunity to affirm our commitment to helping victims rebuild their lives. Today, our greatest challenge may be to match, if not exceed, the legacy of achievements in service to victims. Violent crime inflicts emotional, physical, psychological and financial harm on victims and their families, the community, and the nation as a whole. The Victims of Crime Act of 1984, the Crime Victims' Act of 2004, and the many laws at federal and state levels stand as benchmarks of the first quarter century of the victim rights movement. Now we stand at the threshold of a new era in victim services, one in which we acknowledge the challenges of serving victims of emerging crimes as well as responding to enduring crimes, such as domestic violence and sexual assault, with renewed energy and resolve.

Any one individual or agency alone cannot achieve justice for victims; justice is achieved through dedication and collaboration from many at the local, state and national levels.

On March 22, 2011, the Board of supervisors adopted a Proclamation recognizing Victims' Rights Week in Mendocino County April 10-16, 2011.

The Mendocino County Victim Assistance Program is available to assist victims of crime and can be contacted at 463-4218.