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### **D.A. McMahon Concludes 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week on Staten Island with 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Victims Vigil, Student Art & Writing Contest, and Victim Support Video**

*\*\*Week of events focused on raising awareness of victims' rights and services, highlighting local programs, and honoring victims and their loved ones affected by crime\*\**

Staten Island, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today concluded 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week on Staten Island, holding the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Victims Vigil Thursday evening at the Regina McGinn Center. Additionally, DA McMahon today announced the winners of the student art and writing contest and released RCDA's Crime Victims' Support video.

RCDA kicked off the week on Monday with the dedication of the Staten Island Crime Victims' Memorial Garden outside of the DA's office, followed the next day with a Celebration of Life Ceremony and dove balloon release on the steps of Borough Hall to honor the lives of loved ones impacted by crime. On Wednesday, DA McMahon and RCDA staff joined Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in setting up a moving display in support of victims and survivors effected by drunk and drugged driving, as well as announcing our Staten Island Safe Ride Alternatives partnership with Borough Hall and Uber to provide free rides around the borough this upcoming Cinco de Mayo.

The week of events was made possible through a grant by the U. S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) through the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA).

“This has been a tremendous week of events focused on honoring and supporting victims of crime and their loved ones on Staten Island,” said **District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. “Standing up for victims is at the heart of what we do each and every day, and I'm proud of my entire team for all of their hard work as we continue our mission to protect and seek justice on behalf of those affected by crime.”

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