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D.A. McMahon Marks Start of 40th Annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week on Staten Island

***RCDA will be celebrating and honoring victims throughout the week with a series of in-person and virtual events emphasizing the importance of helping and supporting victims of crime ***

Staten Island, N.Y. — Today, Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon marked the start of National Crime Victims' Rights week on Staten Island, announcing a series of in-person and virtual events throughout the week emphasizing the importance of supporting and helping victims of crime. The theme of this year's National Crime Victims' Rights week is "Support Victims. Build Trust. Engage Communities." On Monday, DA McMahon will join members of RCDA to honor crime victims and pledge their continued support to protecting and helping victims on Staten Island, gathering at the Crime Victims' Memorial Garden outside 130 Stuyvesant Place for a rededication ceremony.

"Over the last year, victims of crime have undoubtedly been faced with many serious challenges and they continue to need our help and support. In my office, we renew our commitment to seeking justice on behalf of all victims of crime while ensuring that survivors of crime and their families receive the services and support they need, even after their case has been prosecuted and justice served," **said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** "My office's Victims Services Unit works year-round to provide meaningful resources to victims of crime, helping them from the very start of their case and long after to find support, recovery, and hope. In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we invite the people of Staten Island to join us in celebrating and honoring victims of crime as my office continues to work to keep our communities safe."

Schedule of Events:

Monday, April 19th:

Crime Victims' Memorial Garden Beautification outside front entrance of 130 Stuyvesant Place at 11:00am

Tuesday, April 20th:

Celebrating our Victim Advocates

Surprise Special Event: Zoom at 10am • Link to be Provided

"Meet our Victim Advocates": Via RCDA Social Media at 1:00pm

Wednesday, April 21st

Interactive Display with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to highlight real world impacts of drunk driving: Corner of Forest Avenue and Victory Boulevard at 1:00pm

Thursday, April 22nd:

27th Annual Victims' Vigil Zoom at 6:00pm • Link to be Provided

Friday, April 23rd:

Looking Back, While Moving Forward Overview of the Week Via RCDA Social Media at 10am

All events are FREE and open to the public. MASKS MUST BE WORN. If you would like to attend or find out more information, please contact Morgan at Morgan.Mazzarella@rcda.nyc.gov

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