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**D.A. McMahon Announces Series of Events to Commemorate National  
Crime Victims' Rights Week**

*\*\*Week of events will raise 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 announced a series of events to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

**District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said**, “We are privileged to join the nation and all of our partners on Staten Island to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week. As the chief law enforcement agency on Staten Island, it is important to take an opportunity to honor and pay tribute to all victims of crime. We are proud to be joined again this year by our partners: Safe Horizon, The William L. Murphy NYC Family Justice Center, CHASI and MADD. Standing up for victims is at the heart of what we do each and every day, and I'm proud of my entire team and our partners for all of their hard work as we continue our mission to protect and seek justice on behalf of those affected by crime.”

**Monday, April 25, 2022: 10 a.m.**

**The Crime Victims Remembrance Garden Ceremony** is our kickoff event, where we rededicate the beautified Memorial Garden on the steps of 130 Stuyvesant Place, where the DA's office is located. This tribute to all victims of crimes is a reminder of the resilience and strength show by crime victims.

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022: 11:30 a.m.**

On Tuesday, in partnership with MADD, we **Recognize the Victims of Vehicular Crimes**. On this day, we line the intersection of Forest Ave. and Victory Blvd. with shoes, serving as a reminder of those we've lost to impaired driving.

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

On Wednesday, via social media posts, we herald the every-day work of RCDA's team of **Crime Victims' Advocates**, and their dedicated service to assisting crime victims and ensuring humanity in the legal process.

### **Thursday, April 28, 2022**

- Thursday begins with a **Denim Day Rally** at 1 p.m., on the steps of Borough Hall, 10 Richmond Terrace, in partnership with CHASI, Safe Horizon, and the William J. Murphy NYC Family Justice Center, where we remember the rights of victims of sexual assault.
- In the evening at 6:30 p.m. we will join our partners for the annual **Crime Victims Candlelight Vigil**, held inside St. John's University, Kiernan Suite, Kelleher Center, 300 Howard Ave. During this solemn ceremony we honor the victims of all crimes, those who have survived, and those whom we have lost, culminating in a symbolic balloon release.

### **Friday, April 29**

We end the week with a rally cry from **DA Michael McMahon** about the value of the work that lies ahead, as we continue our efforts to ensure the rights of all victims of crimes in our borough.

*\*See the attached flyer for the full schedule of events.*

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