

# *PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS*, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and,

*WHEREAS*, Too many communities feel disconnected from the justice and social response systems, and have lost trust in the ability of those systems to recognize them and respond to their needs; and,

*WHEREAS*, Honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and,

*WHEREAS*, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 24-30, 2022, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City of Lewisville Police Department is dedicated to a vision for the future in which all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities can seek collective justice and healing.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, TJ Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas, and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24-30, 2022, as:

*“CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”*

*PROCLAIMED* this 18th day of April, 2022.

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TJ Gilmore, Mayor  
City of Lewisville