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### Community Invited to National Crime Victims' Rights Week Outreach Event in Baker

**Baker, LA** – In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, community members are invited to attend a special outreach event dedicated to supporting victims and survivors of crime on April 22, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Baker Municipal Auditorium, 3325 Groom Rd in Baker.

This event will bring together individuals registered for offender notifications through the Louisiana Victim Outreach Program and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, as well as victims, survivors, service providers, community leaders, and volunteers. The gathering is designed to provide a welcoming and supportive environment where attendees can connect with vital resources, learn about their rights, and take meaningful steps toward healing.

The program will be hosted by Mayor Darnell Waite, who will welcome attendees to the City of Baker. Francis Abbott, Executive Director of the Louisiana Board of Pardons & Committee on Parole, will provide introductory remarks and introduce keynote speaker Hillar Moore III, District Attorney for East Baton Rouge Parish.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with a wide range of victim service providers offering information, support, and direct assistance. Informational booths and resource stations will be available throughout the event, ensuring that participants can access the tools and guidance needed to navigate the criminal justice system and available support services.

“This event reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that victims are informed, supported, and empowered,” said Francis Abbott. “By bringing together agencies and community partners, we are creating a space where victims can find both resources and reassurance.”

National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves as an opportunity to honor victims, recognize the professionals and volunteers who serve them, and promote awareness of victims' rights and services available throughout Louisiana.

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