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National Victims' Rights Week Events in Pima County

(Tucson, Arizona) Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall takes this time to acknowledge that April is *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* and *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and *Victims' Rights Week is April 18-24, 2010*. In addition, she recognizes the 35th Anniversary of the Victim Services Division (formerly Victim Witness) of the Pima County Attorney's Office.

In commemoration of *Victims' Rights Week* and the *35th Anniversary of Victim Services*, on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, the Pima County Attorney's Office will host a celebration at the Z Mansion (288 North Church Avenue – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm), where the Honorable Dennis DeConcini will be recognized for founding the Victim Services program and for his dedication to the victims of Pima County.

In addition, there will be a Panel Presentation on April 21, 2010 from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 1201 E. Speedway Blvd., at which Barbara LaWall, Chief Deputy Attorney General Timothy Nelson, and the Honorable Richard Fields (Judge, Arizona Superior Court) will discuss the history and importance of victims' rights. Also, two crime victim survivors will share their experiences with the criminal justice system and the role victims' rights played in their journey toward healing and recovery.

LaWall said: "April is an important time to reach out to survivors, educate ourselves about these crimes, learn more about what we can do to prevent them, and renew our commitment to making our county a safe place for everyone."

There are many more events scheduled during in April. All events (including those listed above) are free and open to the public. Pima County residents are encouraged to participate in community activities that support crime victims and promote violence prevention efforts. For information go to: <http://www.pcao.pima.gov/>

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