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DA ROD PACHECO ANNOUNCES 2010 VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK EVENTS

RIVERSIDE – District Attorney Rod Pacheco invites the public and the media to this year's Victims' Rights Week events, beginning on Monday, April 19, 2010.

This year marks the fourth consecutive year the Riverside County District Attorney's Office has hosted local events in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week to honor those who have lost their lives to violent crime. Last year, more than 5,000 people attended Victims' Rights Week events in Riverside County.

"Those who have lost their lives to violence can no longer speak for themselves. It is up to us who remain to keep their voices and their memories alive," Pacheco said. "The events of Victim's Rights Week are a way for all of us to honor the far too many we have lost to crime, as well as provide a place for a victim's voice to continue to be heard."

Victims' Rights Week starts with three nights of candlelight vigils, the first being held Monday, April 19 at Temecula Duck Pond Park, 28250 Rancho California Road, Temecula. On Tuesday, a vigil will be held at Palm Desert Civic Center Park, 43900 San Pablo, Palm Desert. The final vigil will be Wednesday at the Victim's Memorial Wall at the DA's Office, 3960 Orange St., Riverside. All vigils begin at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, April 22, the Victims' Rights March will begin in front of the Riverside Historic Courthouse, 4050 Main St. and will proceed a few blocks to the Victim's Wall at the DA's Office on Orange Street. The march begins at 11:30 a.m. and concludes about 1 p.m.

Guest speakers joining Pacheco include former NFL defensive back Kermit Alexander of the Los Angeles Rams and the San Francisco 49ers, whose family was gunned down in 1984; Steve Twist, a leader in victims' rights; former chief assistant attorney general of Arizona; and Mike Reynolds, whose daughter Kimber was a murder victim, which led Reynolds to help create the state's Three Strikes Law; and Dr. Henry Nicholas III, the co-author and sponsor of Marsy's Law, which was named after his younger sister who was murdered in 1983.

The week concludes with the Guardians of Justice luncheon on Friday at noon at Eagle Glen Golf Club in Corona. The luncheon will pay tribute to crime victims and survivors and honor service providers, law enforcement professionals, and community leaders for their united efforts in strengthening justice.

For more information about the march or other events being held during Victims' Rights Week, please visit our Web site at www.rivcoda.org/VS/rightsweek.html or call (951) 955-9888.