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DA PACHECO LEADS VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK MARCH

RIVERSIDE – More than 1,000 people marched in downtown Riverside today, April 22, 2010, to honor those who have lost their lives to violence and for the rights of victims of violent crime.

This march, hosted by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for four consecutive years, is part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

"We hold this march to remind those who have lost loved ones to violent crime that they are not, and never will be, alone," District Attorney Rod Pacheco said. "This march is a place for them to see that we are here to speak for their loved ones and to find emotional support from others who, like them, have lost loved ones."

Posters with photos of those who died in a violent crime were carried from the Historic Courthouse several blocks to the Victims Memorial Plaza at the DA's Office.

Joining Pacheco to speak at Thursday's march were 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; Mike Reynolds, whose daughter Kimber was murdered, leading 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 march comes after three candlelight vigils were held this week across Riverside County to remember those who have died as a result of violent crime. About 1,000 people attended the three vigils.

Victims' Rights Week concludes with the Guardians of Justice luncheon at noon tomorrow, April 23, 2010, 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.

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