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Candlelight Vigil to be Held Wednesday

On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office will be holding the 4th Annual Humboldt County Candlelight Vigil. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center in Eureka.

The Humboldt County District Attorney's Office, victims, family members, community leaders and law enforcement personnel will be honoring victims of crime and the witnesses who came forward to assist the community in bringing those who commit crimes to justice. This event has become an important tradition in Humboldt County and an opportunity for everyone in the criminal justice system to honor those they serve and fight for on a daily basis. The community is welcome.

The event will feature an opening blessing, stories of survival as well as a time for song and prayer. Silhouettes from the Silent Witness Project, a traveling memorial to honor victims who died as a result of intimate partner violence in Humboldt County, will also be present.

“The Candlelight Vigil is a time for us to remember those who have lost their lives to violence, honor the survivors who have had the courage to break their silence, and support victims who have yet to find their voice,” said Joyce Moser, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Coordinator.

The local Vigil is one of many events held throughout the nation this week to recognize National Crime Victim Rights Week. “It is so important for all of us to advocate for crime victims and those who work to support them,” noted Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos. “Our Vigil, as part of National Crime Victim Rights Week, provides an opportunity to let victims know they are not alone and that our community stands with them.”

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