



## GO PURPLE in APRIL for Crime Victims' Rights Week

Nevada, April 2023

**GO PURPLE** in April and show your consideration for victims of crime across Nevada and nationwide. Each year the US Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime calls on Americans to remember victims, and support efforts to ensure their voices are heard. **Marsy's Law for Nevada** is proud to once again support and promote this effort. **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** is set for **April 23-29, 2023** and this year's theme is **Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change.**

**GO PURPLE.** This April, **Marsy's Law for Nevada** asks Nevada civic leaders, advocacy groups, businesses and citizens to unite and **GO PURPLE for NCVRW.** Select a day or the entire week to shine your lights **PURPLE, or post supportive team photos.** Together, we can make sure survivors are aware of their legal rights enshrined in the Nevada Constitution thanks to the November 2018 voter approval of Marsy's Law for Nevada. Shining a light **PURPLE** also helps recognize the life-changing organizations and agencies that protect victims.

**STATISTICS.** Here in Nevada, law enforcement agencies investigated more than 11,875 incidents of "violent crime" in 2021 including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, along with human trafficking. The statistics are in the FBI's 2021 \*National Incident-Based Reporting System, NIBRS.

**MEDIA ALERTS.** MLNV will alert Nevada media outlets about confirmed PURPLE venues for their use in news stories during NCVRW, so please let us know your date to **GO PURPLE** or post supporting team photos, soon.

**TAG YOUR POSTS.** Venues planning to **GO PURPLE** during NCVRW please SHARE it on social media, and use the hashtags: **#GoPurpleMLNV, #VictimsRightsNV, or #NCVRW2023.**

**RESOURCES.** If your venue would like to share a list of victim resources with your colleagues, you'll find details on various Nevada sites including: [www.MarsysLawForNV.com](http://www.MarsysLawForNV.com), the Nevada Attorney General's website <https://ag.nv.gov>, and local District Attorney pages.

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**Marsy's Law for Nevada Guarantees Rights for Crime Victims Including:**

- The Right to receive information about their rights, and the services available to crime victims.
  - Right to be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process.
  - Right to be notified of a defendant's impending release, and be protected from the defendant.
  - Right to notice of all public proceedings in the case.
  - Right to be reasonably heard, upon request, at all public proceedings regarding the case.
  - Right to reasonably confer with the prosecuting agency, upon request, regarding the case.
  - Right to full and timely restitution.
- And more.

**History of Marsy's Law**

The effort is named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in California in 1983. A week later he was released pending his court proceedings and went face to face with the victim's family, who had no idea he was out of jail. Today her family is working to secure a voice and protection for victims' and their families, nationwide. Individual Marsy's Law measures have now been approved in thirteen states including Nevada. Nearly 140-million people, or 40-percent of all Americans, now receive protected rights under Marsy's Law. [www.MarsysLawforNV.com](http://www.MarsysLawforNV.com)

**Statistics\***

<https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>

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