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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 19 through 25, 2020, as "National  
2 Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Millions of Americans become victims of crime each  
4 year, affecting both individuals and their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The millions of survivors of crime and their  
6 families are no less deserving of justice, rights, resources,  
7 restoration and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who  
8 victimize them; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans recognize that we make our homes,  
10 neighborhoods and communities safer and stronger by serving  
11 victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

12 WHEREAS, Crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing  
13 offenders to justice; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Justice, the  
15 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established to enhance the  
16 capacity to assist crime victims and promote justice and healing

1 for all victims of crimes; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, crime victims and their  
3 advocates have made unparalleled progress toward balancing the  
4 scales of justice in the criminal justice system; and

5 WHEREAS, For many years, the OVC has helped lead communities  
6 throughout this nation in its observance of "National Crime  
7 Victims' Rights Week" to bolster public awareness about the  
8 challenges crime victims face and celebrate the hard-won  
9 progress in victims' rights and services; and

10 WHEREAS, Victim service providers, criminal justice officials  
11 and concerned citizens throughout this nation are joining  
12 together to observe "National Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and

13 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Crime Victims'  
14 Rights Week" is "Seek Justice. Ensure Victims' Rights. Inspire  
15 Hope"; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
17 week of April 19 through 25, 2020, as "National Crime Victims'  
18 Rights Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives reaffirm its  
20 commitment to address victims' rights and criminal justice  
21 issues.