
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 8 through 14, 2018, as "Crime
2 Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, almost 16 million Americans were victimized
4 by property crimes and more than 5.7 million individuals were
5 victims of violent crime; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Justice, the
16 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established to enhance the
17 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 to 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 "Expand the Circle: Reach all Victims";
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 8
17 through 14, 2018, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in
18 Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate reaffirm its commitment to address
20 victims' rights and criminal justice issues.