
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 7 through 13, 2019, as "Crime
2 Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2017, United States residents 12 years of age or
4 older experienced 3.1 million violent victimizations and United
5 States households experienced an estimated 13.3 million property
6 crimes; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, In the United States Department of Justice, the

1 Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established to enhance the
2 capacity to assist crime victims and promote justice and healing
3 for all victims of crimes; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Crime Victims'
16 Rights Week" is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the
17 Future."; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 7
19 through 13, 2019, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in
20 Pennsylvania; and be it further

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