
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 13, 2018

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of 20 million crimes each
4 year, affecting individuals and 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

1 capacity to assist crime victims and promote justice and healing
2 for all victims of crimes; and

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Crime Victims'
15 Rights Week" is "Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims.";
16 therefore be it

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

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