

# State of Florida

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, being a crime victim can leave a lasting impact on any person; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, victims and survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, and supports thriving communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2018, the people of Florida adopted an amendment to the Florida Constitution recognizing the rights of crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize of the week of April 7-13, 2019 as

### **Crime Victims' Rights Week**

and express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Office Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.



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