

# Sample Proclamation

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) ceremonies often include proclamations from public officials—governors, mayors, or county council presidents—to inspire the community, raise awareness of victims' rights, and address unmet needs. Officials may hold public signings of these proclamations and invite sponsoring agencies and the local media to attend. Increase the likelihood that officials will issue a proclamation by providing them with a sample. They will appreciate having an example to guide their own proclamations and public statements. Contact your officials well in advance of NCVRW to invite them to speak at your ceremony or to issue an NCVRW proclamation.

Whereas surviving a crime can have myriad lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues;

Whereas we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them;

Whereas each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others;

Whereas it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support but also access to critical services and, above all, hope;

Whereas victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship, colleagues, neighbors, and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support;

Whereas we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice;

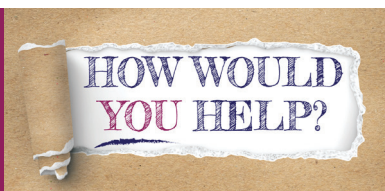
Whereas we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope — the belief that the future will be better — is not just tangible but within their reach;

Whereas National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, "How would you help a victim of crime?"

Whereas [your organization] is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors.

Now, therefore, I, as [Governor/County Executive/Mayor, Other Title] of \_\_\_\_\_ [City/County/Parish/Tribe/State], do hereby proclaim the week of April 21–27, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights Week reaffirming this [City/County/Parish/Tribe/State's] commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ [Date]



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