

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1009

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A Resolution honoring the men, women and children who have been victimized in the State of Oklahoma; recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week; honoring the strength of victims as they work to overcome adversity; declaring April 2-8, 2017, as National Crime Victims' Week; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 2-8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Strength, Resilience, Justice"; and

WHEREAS, advocates believe all victims deserve equal rights throughout the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, the rights of victims being pursued aim to provide coequal protections that are no more and no less than the rights afforded to those accused and convicted of crimes; and

WHEREAS, consideration, awareness and a voice for victims are central to the remembrance of victims during National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

WHEREAS, according to recently released statistics by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma experienced 16,506 violent crimes in 2015. These crimes include 234 murders and nonnegligent manslaughters, 1,849 reports of rape, 3,005 robberies and 11,418 aggravated assaults; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma agrees that victims should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, provided reasonable opportunities to be heard at public proceedings regarding his or her case, and given a voice throughout each process of the case; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves to recognize the needs of crime victims and those statewide advocacy organizations that are dedicated to guaranteeing victims' rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims the week of April 2-8, 2017, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives will join efforts with advocacy organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma to continue recognizing and supporting victims' rights.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives reaffirms its commitment to help protect the rights of all Oklahoma crime victims, year-round.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Victim Services Unit of the Office of the Attorney General.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April,
2017.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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