

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1065

By: Ford

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution recognizing April 24 through April 30,
10 2022, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and
11 recognizing Wednesday, April 27, 2022, as Victims'
12 Rights Day; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, across the nation, the week of April 24 through April
14 30, 2022, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives is recognizing
16 Wednesday, April 27, 2022, as Victims' Rights Day at the State
17 Capitol; and

18 WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Crime Victims' Rights
19 Week is "Rights, access, equity, for all victims"; and

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

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

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

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

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims the
15 week of April 24 through April 30, 2022, as National Crime Victims'
16 Rights Week and proclaims Wednesday, April 27, 2022, as Victims'
17 Rights Day.

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall join efforts
19 with advocacy organizations throughout the state of Oklahoma to
20 continue recognizing and supporting victims' rights.

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

1 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Victims
2 Division of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council.

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