

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2022)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1015

By: Ford

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8                               AS INTRODUCED

9           A Resolution recognizing April 23 through April 29,  
10          2023, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and  
11          recognizing Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Victims'  
12          Rights Day; and directing distribution.

13          WHEREAS, across the nation, the week of April 23 through April  
14          29, 2023, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

15          WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives is recognizing  
16          Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Victims' Rights Day at the State  
17          Capitol; and

18          WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Crime Victims' Rights  
19          Week is "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change."; 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 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims the  
15 week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, as National Crime Victims'  
16 Rights Week and proclaims Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 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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