

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1044

By: George

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution recognizing April 21 through April 27,  
10                   2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week;  
11                   recognizing and supporting victims' rights; and  
12                   directing distribution.

13                   WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 21-27,  
14                   2024; and

15                   WHEREAS, the theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week this  
16                   year is "How would you help?"; and

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

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

22                   WHEREAS, consideration, awareness, and a voice for victims are  
23                   central to the remembrance of victims; and  
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1       WHEREAS, every victim should always be treated with fairness and  
2 respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the  
3 defendant, provided reasonable opportunities to be heard at public  
4 proceedings regarding his or her case, and given a voice throughout  
5 each process of the case; and

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

9       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the week  
12 of April 21-27, 2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

13       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the efforts  
14 of advocacy organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma to  
15 continue recognizing and supporting victims' rights.

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

19       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the District  
20 Attorneys Council, Victims Services Division.

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22 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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