

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 39

By: Weaver

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing April 21-27, 2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week; recognizing and supporting victims' rights; reaffirming commitment to protecting the rights of all crime victims; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the victims' rights 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; and

WHEREAS, every victim should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the

1 defendant, provided reasonable opportunities to be heard at public
2 proceedings regarding his or her case, and given a voice throughout
3 each process of the case; and

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
8 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the week of April 21-
10 27, 2024, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate supports the efforts of advocacy
12 organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma to continue
13 recognizing and supporting victims' rights.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate reaffirms its commitment to help
15 protect the rights of all Oklahoma crime victims, year-round.

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

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