

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1044

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

WHEREAS, the theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week this year 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

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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