

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1017

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A Resolution recognizing April 6-12, 2025, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and April 9, 2025, as Victims' Rights Day; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 6-12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Kinship, Connecting, and Healing"; and

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

WHEREAS, the rights of victims 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 during National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims the week of April 6, 2025, through April 12, 2025, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and proclaims Wednesday, April 9, 2025, as Victims' Rights Day.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives will join efforts with advocacy organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma to continue recognizing and supporting victims' rights.

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 7th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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