
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 6 through 12, 2014, as "Crime
2 Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Americans are victims of more than 22 million crimes
4 each year, and these crimes also affect family members, friends,
5 neighbors and coworkers; and

6 WHEREAS, Crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional or
7 financial impact on people of all ages and abilities and of all
8 economic, racial and social backgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to these challenges, crime victims face
10 criminal, military and juvenile justice systems that, at times,
11 ignore their rights and treat them with disrespect; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1984, the Crime Victims Fund was established by
13 the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to provide a permanent source
14 of support for crime victim services and compensation through
15 fines and penalties paid by convicted Federal offenders; and

16 WHEREAS, The Crime Victims Fund today supports thousands of
17 victim assistance programs that provide help and support to

1 child victims of violence and sexual abuse, stalking victims,
2 survivors of homicide victims, victims of drunk driving crashes
3 and victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence and other
4 crimes; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1998, the General Assembly passed the Crime
6 Victims Act to help support victims of crime in Pennsylvania;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The victim assistance community faces new challenges
9 to reach and serve all victims, including victims of newly
10 recognized crimes, such as domestic sex trafficking of minors
11 and cybercrime, and victims who have not always trusted the
12 criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban
13 youth and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Now is the time to embrace a new emphasis on
16 learning what works in reaching underserved victims and meeting
17 victims' needs; and

18 WHEREAS, Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 6 through 12,
19 2014, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy,
20 creativity and commitment that launched the victims' rights
21 movement, inspired its progress and continues to advance the
22 cause of justice for crime victims; and

23 WHEREAS, The Senate joins forces with victim service
24 providers, criminal justice agencies and concerned citizens
25 throughout Pennsylvania and America to raise awareness of
26 victims' rights and observe Crime Victims' Rights Week;
27 therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 6 through 12, 2014,
29 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.