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Dear Colleague:

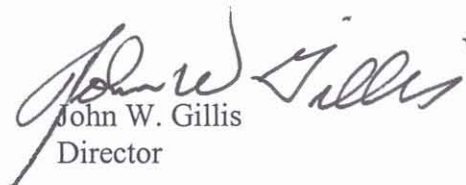
I am pleased to present the *2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide*, developed in partnership with the National Center for Victims of Crime. The *Guide* offers a powerful collection of tools to conduct outreach and public education campaigns in your own community.

With each year's commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we celebrate the progress we have made and rededicate ourselves to meet the challenges that lie ahead. This year's theme—"Victims' Rights: Every Victim. Every Time."—captures the heart of our current and future mission. Until all victims report crimes against them, know and exercise their rights, and receive the help they need to rebuild their lives, we have much work to do.

The Office for Victims of Crime, a component of the Office for Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice, is privileged to help communities throughout the nation plan their observances for National Crime Victims' Rights Week. As we face increasingly complex challenges to public safety—such as threats of terrorism—we draw strength from working together. The networks and resources we build to observe 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week will enhance and strengthen our joint efforts throughout the year.

In rededicating ourselves to our mission, we pay tribute to you, our colleagues, who offer help, wisdom, and crucial services to victims of crime throughout the year. National Crime Victims' Rights Week offers a fitting opportunity to thank you for your work and the privilege of serving with you. We are honored to join you in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, 2007.

Sincerely,

  
John W. Gillis  
Director