

Sample Proclamation

- Whereas,** the personal safety of people living in the United States is a top priority for both policy makers and the American public; and
- Whereas,** in 1996, although our nation's crime rate underwent an historic drop, U.S. residents still experienced nearly 37 million criminal victimizations, including over nine million violent crimes; and
- Whereas,** when one man, woman or child in America is harmed by crime, *all* Americans are touched by the devastating results; and
- Whereas,** our nation's victims' rights discipline has contributed enormously to crime prevention, victim assistance, and community safety; and
- Whereas,** crime victims and those who serve them are a significant force for positive changes that have resulted in improved victims' rights and services, and laws that truly promote justice for all; and
- Whereas,** during 1998 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the myriad good deeds and important work of crime victims and their advocates deserve our nation's recognition and respect; and
- Whereas,** during the week of April 19 to 25, 1998 and throughout the year, our (community/county/state) joins together to celebrate "Victims' Rights: Right for America"; *therefore, be it*
- Resolved,** that (individual or entity) proclaims the week of April 19 to 25, 1998 to be (city/county/state) Victims' Rights Week; *and be it further*
- Resolved,** that we recognize victims' rights as right for America in diverse communities large and small, urban and rural, and join together to honor those who bring honor to victims of crime; *and be it further*
- Resolved,** that a suitably prepared copy of this proclamation be presented to (your organization).