Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1015 By: Ford

A Resolution recognizing April 23 through April 29, 2023, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and recognizing Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Victims' Rights Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, across the nation, the week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives is recognizing Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Victims' Rights Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change."; 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 or 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 criminal case, and given a voice throughout each process of the criminal case; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves to recognize the needs of crime victims and those 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 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims the week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week and proclaims Wednesday, April 26, 2023, as Victims' Rights Day.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall 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 Division of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 27th day of April, 20 23, at 10:29 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman