# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 14 By: Weaver

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

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes 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, 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, each victim 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 SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate 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 a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Victims Services Division of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of April, 2023.

Brent Howard
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 27th day of April, 20 23, at 10:53 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman