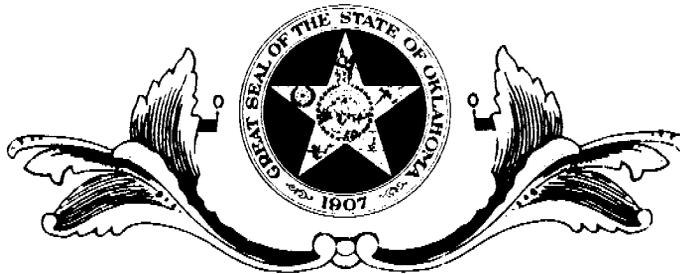


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including families, friends, and communities; and

Whereas, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims as they have lost loved ones, life savings, physical and mental health, and often their sense of security that has the potential to irrevocably change the course of their lives forever; and

Whereas, more than 30 years of progress for crime victims stands on the shoulders of dedicated advocates and brave victims who overcame shame, isolation, and indifference to gain a voice, rights, and respect; and

Whereas, we applaud the progress that our nation has made in recognizing crime's impact on victims and celebrate advocates and survivors who through their determination brought rights and resources for victims and have changed the course of history; and

Whereas, victim assistance programs across the country are reaching more victims and criminal justice officials are honoring victims' rights more consistently, public understanding of victims' rights remains minimal, and our nation's victim services system remains fragmented, underfunded, and uncoordinated; and

Whereas, more work remains to be done to address the mental health impact of crime, and to meet the needs of victims of non-violent crime, victims of terrorism, and other underserved victims; and

Whereas, our history teaches us that, by working together, we can help victims of crime reshape their destinies and ensure that they receive the support they need, the respect they deserve, and the rights they have earned;

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2011, provides an opportunity for us to reshape the future for victims by honoring the past and reflecting on hard-won victories, and to recommit to working together to insist on better treatment for victims to help them overcome the harm caused by crime; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim week of April 10th through April 16th, 2011 as

"National Crime Victims' Rights Week"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 31st day of March in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the One hundred and third year.

Michelle R. Day
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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