

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, crime leaves victim's families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities less secure; and

WHEREAS, 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more including families, friends, co-workers and communities; and

WHEREAS, crimes include, but are not limited to homicide, child abuse, workplace violence, teen dating/intimate partner violence and sexual assaults that impact many Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies reported through the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System, that there were 45,734 reported crimes of domestic violence, 457 murders, 8,447 sexual assaults and 98,499 burglary/robbery cases reported in 2009; and

WHEREAS, each of these reported crimes and many others that were not reported, turned one or more Ohioans into a victim; 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 their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, more work remains to be done in many areas which include addressing the mental health impact of crime as well as meeting the needs of elderly victims of crime, victims of human trafficking and underserved victims; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week which provides our state the opportunity to reshape the future for crime victims by reflecting on past accomplishments and committing to work to address all forms of crime that impact our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate the week of April 10-16, 2011 as

**CRIME VICTIMS'
RIGHTS WEEK**

throughout Ohio and encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with the rights of victims and work to abolish crime.

On this 10th day of April, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

