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SENATE RESOLUTION 19-007

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 7-13, 2019, AS**
102 **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK.**

1 WHEREAS, Crime and the threat of violence have profound
2 effects on individuals, families, and communities in America; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 18 million Americans are victims of crime
4 each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Crime victims have the right to be kept informed of
6 and involved in criminal processes and to be afforded protection and
7 restitution from their offenders; and

8 WHEREAS, America's crime victims' rights advocates have had
9 a powerful impact on educating the nation about the devastating effects

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1 of crime and victimization and the need to provide support and services
2 to individuals and communities hurt by crime; and

3 WHEREAS, With the unwavering support of their communities
4 and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered
5 to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment
6 and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

7 WHEREAS, The victims' rights movement has made significant
8 progress over the past several decades in providing services to and
9 increasing the rights of crime victims, and this progress will continue so
10 long as dedicated support is provided to crime victims; and

11 WHEREAS, Members of the first regular session of the 72nd
12 General Assembly have established the seventh year of the Colorado
13 Victims' Rights Caucus; and

14 WHEREAS, This year marks the 27th anniversary of the
15 enactment of the Victims' Rights Amendment to the Colorado
16 constitution, which was passed on November 3, 1992, with approval of
17 82% of Colorado voters; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*
19 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

20 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado Senate, recognize the
21 week of April 7-13, 2019, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in
22 Colorado, and, during this week and throughout the year, we honor crime
23 victims and those who serve them; and

24 (2) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado, as individuals,
25 communities, and part of the nation, to seek justice and compassion for
26 crime victims.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to
28 Nancy Lewis, executive director of the Colorado Organization for Victim
29 Assistance, and Stan Hilkey, executive director of the Colorado
30 Department of Public Safety.