



SENATE RESOLUTION 19-007

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, America's crime victims' rights advocates have had a powerful impact on educating the nation about the devastating effects of crime and victimization and the need to provide support and services to individuals and communities hurt by crime; and

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

WHEREAS, The victims' rights movement has made significant progress over the past several decades in providing services to and

increasing the rights of crime victims, and this progress will continue so long as dedicated support is provided to crime victims; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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