

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1017

By: Ford

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution recognizing April 6-12, 2025, as
9 National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and providing
10 for distribution.

11 WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 6-12,
12 2025; and

13 WHEREAS, the theme this year for National Crime Victims' Rights
14 Week is "Kinship, Connecting, and Healing"; and

15 WHEREAS, advocates believe all victims deserve equal rights
16 throughout the judicial system; and

17 WHEREAS, the rights of victims being pursued aim to provide
18 coequal protections that are no more and no less than the rights
19 afforded to those accused and convicted of crimes; and

20 WHEREAS, consideration, awareness, and a voice for victims are
21 central to the remembrance of victims during National Crime Victims'
22 Rights Week; and

23 WHEREAS, Oklahoma agrees that victims should always be treated
24 with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process,

1 protected from the defendant, provided reasonable opportunities to
2 be heard at public proceedings regarding his or her case, and given
3 a voice throughout each process of the case; and

4 WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week serves to recognize
5 the needs of crime victims and statewide advocacy organizations that
6 are dedicated to guaranteeing victims' rights.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims the
10 week of April 6, 2025 through April 12, 2025, as National Crime
11 Victims' Rights Week and proclaims Thursday, April 9, 2025, as
12 Victims' Rights Day.

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives will join efforts
14 with advocacy organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma to
15 continue recognizing and supporting victims' rights.

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives reaffirms its
17 commitment to help protect the rights of all Oklahoma crime victims,
18 year-round.

19 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Victims
20 Services Division of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council.

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22 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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