

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE

RESOLUTION 12

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing April 6 through April 12 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week; recognizing Wednesday, April 9, 2025, as Victims' Rights Day; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, nationwide, the week of April 6, 2025, through April 12, 2025, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

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

WHEREAS, all victims deserve equal rights throughout the judicial system; and

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

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

WHEREAS, each victim should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the

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

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

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

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims the week of April 6
10 through April 12 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and
11 Wednesday, April 9, 2025, as Victims' Rights Day.

12 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Victims
13 Services Division of the District Attorneys Council.

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