

Rome and Floyd County Georgia Proclamation

WHEREAS, 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2 million are victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, a just society acknowledges crime's impact on individuals, families, and communities by ensuring that rights, resources, and services are available to help rebuild lives; and

WHEREAS, victims' rights are a critical component of the promise of "justice for all," the foundation for our system of justice in America; and

WHEREAS, although our nation has steadily expanded rights, protections, and services for victims of crime, too many victims are still not able to realize the hope and promise of these gains; and

WHEREAS, we must do better to ensure services are available for underserved segments of our population, including crime victims with disabilities, victims with mental illness, victims who are teenagers, victims who are elderly, victims in rural areas, and victims in communities of color; and

WHEREAS, observing victims' rights and treating victims with dignity and respect serves the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities, and promoting confidence in public safety; and

WHEREAS, America recognizes that we make our homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger by serving victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

WHEREAS, our nation must strive to protect, expand, and observe crime victims' rights so that there truly is justice for victims and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for us to strive to reach the goal of justice for all by ensuring that all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Victim Witness Assistance Program of the Floyd County District Attorney's Office is joining forces with criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout the City of Rome and Floyd County to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe the 28th National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Rome City Commission and the Floyd County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of **April 13-19, 2008**, as

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Rome and Floyd County, and honors crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year. We stand united in our commitment to victim justice as individuals, communities, and a Nation.

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