



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS, Florida is a law and order state and will always be dedicated to providing a voice to crime victims and their families; and**

**WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides the opportunity to recognize the importance of crime victims' services; ensuring that crime victims have access to services and support; and promoting discussion on how communities, organizations, and professionals can work together to reach all victims; and**

**WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime; and**

**WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers are working daily to meet the needs of crime victims, and we continue our efforts to expand services to victims that face barriers to meaningful access to rights and services, such as isolation, lack of transportation, language limitations, or cultural barriers; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida is committed to expanding the circle of those prepared to respond to victims by identifying resources in the healthcare community, government leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses, to link victims and survivors with those resources that can help them recover; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida has long been known for its commitment to victims of crime by passing a constitutional amendment in 1988 including victims' rights for the first time in Florida's Constitution, and thirty years later, in 2018, expanding those rights in the Florida Constitution, known as Marsy's Law, to ensure that crime victims will be treated fairly and with dignity and respect during criminal proceedings.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, invite all Floridians to join me in recognizing *National Crime Victims' Rights week, April 24 - 30, 2022* and our commitment to assisting crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights and expanding access to services.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-two.**

  
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Governor