



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime suffer emotional, physical, psychological, and financial harm as a result of the criminal acts committed against them, and deserve our recognition and support; and

WHEREAS, according to the Annual Summary Report of Uniform Crime Reporting Data, there were a total of 24,572 violent crimes committed in North Carolina in 2016, including 671 homicides, 83 of which were related to domestic violence; more than 2,000 cases of rape were reported in North Carolina in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Justice System and its civic and community partners have built a strong network of services and programs to help victims of crime gain strength and support as they rebuild their lives and allow their physical and emotional scars to heal; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes and affirms the establishment of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Crime Victims Fund as a national commitment to provide services and financial compensation to crime victims throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fund, comprised of fines and penalties paid by convicted offenders, has helped crime victims in North Carolina and other states nationwide by financing victims assistance and compensation programs, including those in non-profit, law enforcement, and local and state government; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Crime Commission serves as a conduit through which vital financial support is provided for victims assistance and compensation programs in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Victim Assistance Network, along with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, advocacy groups, and concerned individuals throughout North Carolina, joins the United States in observing the 34th anniversary of VOCA during National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all people to support victims of crime in our communities with purpose and compassion, providing them with the physical, financial, and emotional support they need to rebuild their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 8 – 14, 2018, as “**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.