

**RESOLUTION**

**Proclaiming the week of April 6-12, 2003 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Cuyahoga County.**

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**WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio recognizes that the year 2003 marks the twenty-third anniversary of the commemoration of National Crime Victim's Rights Week.**

**WHEREAS, that County of Cuyahoga's residents, as well as all Americans, may be subjected to or witness crime.**

**WHEREAS, that County of Cuyahoga's residents and visitors who have experienced victimization have the right to be afforded specific rights under the Crime Victims' Rights Act of Ohio (Revised Code 2930).**

**WHEREAS, crime victims have the right to receive advocacy, support, compensation, assistance and help with the physical, emotional and financial impact of crime.**

**WHEREAS, the County of Cuyahoga acknowledges the pain and suffering and the courage of crime victims and witnesses as they journey along the path of healing.**

**WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has supported collaborative governmental and community efforts with the Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Service Center, The Children Who Witness Violence Program, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services, the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior & Adult Services and other municipal and county social service organizations to counter the damage inflicted by crime.**

**WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, acknowledges the services provided to crime victims including justice system advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling, legal and social service referrals to crime victims through the Cuyahoga County Witness Victim Service Center.**

**AND, WHEREAS, all Americans dare to dream of a nation where liberty and justice for all includes each and every person touched by crime.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga, County, Ohio that said Board hereby proclaims the week of April 6-12, 2003 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Cuyahoga County.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our individual and collective efforts reflect the ideal that every crime victim be afforded rights, services and fair treatment by the justice system and society and be treated with dignity, respect and compassion.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Martin P. Murphy, Acting Director, Department of Justice Affairs.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora,  
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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