

RESOLUTION 040302

The Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio takes profound pride and deep personal pleasure in proclaiming Crime Victims' Rights Week April 18th - 24th, 2004 in Cuyahoga County

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners recognizes that the year 2004 marks the twenty-fourth anniversary of the commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners acknowledges the Witness/Victim Service Center for thirty years of dedication, commitment, and service to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cuyahoga County, as well as all Americans, may be subjected to or witness crime. Cuyahoga County 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. Crime victims have the right to receive advocacy, support, compensation assistance, and help with the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime; and

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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges the Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Service Center for the services provided to crime victims, which include justice system advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling, education, and legal and social service referrals; and

WHEREAS, all Americans ask our nation to fulfill the promise that liberty and justice for all includes each and every person touched by crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners proclaims the week of April 18th – 24th, 2004 to be Cuyahoga County Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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


Peter Lawson Jones, President


Tim McCannedy, Vice President


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