



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides the opportunity to promote the theme, "Strength, Resilience, Justice," recognizing the importance of strengthening families and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary response, involving teamwork among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professions, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is necessary to reach and serve all victims —especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations; and

WHEREAS, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthen their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services, and participate in the justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida invite all Floridians to join me in recognizing *National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Florida, April 2-8, 2017* and continuing to ensure that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are afforded their rights and receive all services available.



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 29th day of March, in the year two thousand seventeen.


Governor