

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 23 through 29, 2023, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 23 through 29, 2023, as National Crime Victims' Week in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can
4 be a frightening and confusing experience; and

5 WHEREAS, progress in improving the treatment of crime victims has been made
6 through the efforts of thousands of victims and survivors who have turned their experiences
7 into a force for positive change; and

8 WHEREAS, through these efforts, victims and survivors ensure that others receive
9 justice, meaningful assistance, and compassionate treatment before the law; and

10 WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victim of Crime Act of 1984, and through the
11 dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing
12 array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Crime Data Explorer,
14 in 2020, there were 6,300 violent crime incidents and 32,810 property crime incidents
15 reported by law enforcement in Louisiana; and

16 WHEREAS, the rights of crime victims in Louisiana are codified in R.S. 46:1844,
17 which provides for the following rights: to reasonable notice and to be present and heard
18 during all critical stages of pre- and post-conviction proceedings; to confer with the
19 prosecution prior to final disposition of the case; to refuse to be interviewed by the accused

1 or a representative of the accused; to review and comment on any presentence report; to a
2 reasonably prompt conclusion of the case; to seek restitution; and to be informed upon the
3 release from custody or the escape of the accused or the offender; and

4 WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to
5 be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet the needs of crime victims
6 help to rebuild trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

7 WHEREAS, individuals' trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their
8 communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted, and coordinated outreach; and

9 WHEREAS, identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime, especially those
10 from groups that have less access to healing services and avenues to justice, is essential; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana's continued engagement with the challenges faced by victims
12 of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost and that new ground is broken
13 to gain greater justice and healing for all victims; and

14 WHEREAS, National Crime Victims Week provides an opportunity to recommit to
15 ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims
16 of crime.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 23 through 29, 2023, as National
19 Crime Victims' Rights Week in Louisiana.

DIGEST

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