

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: April 16, 2008

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Dist.3

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Presentation of Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 13-19, 2008 as National Victims' Rights Week.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included

Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____

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Mayor's Proclamation

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Whereas, 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2 million are victims of violent crime; and

Whereas, a just society acknowledges crime's impact on individuals, families, and communities by ensuring that rights, resources, and services are available to help rebuild lives;

Whereas, victims' rights are a critical component of the promise of "justice for all," the foundation for our system of justice in America;

Whereas, although our nation has steadily expanded rights, protections, and services for victims of crime, too many victims are still not able to realize the hope and promise of these gains;

Whereas, we must do better to ensure services are available for underserved segments of our population, including crime victims with disabilities, victims with mental illness, victims who are teenagers, victims who are elderly, victims in rural areas, and victims in communities of color; and

Whereas, observing victims' rights and treating victims with dignity and respect serves the public interest by engaging victims in the justice system, inspiring respect for public authorities, and promoting confidence in public safety; and

Whereas, America recognizes that we make our homes, neighborhoods, and communities safer and stronger by serving victims of crime and ensuring justice for all; and

Whereas, Our nation must strive to protect, expand, and observe crime victims' rights so that there truly *is justice for victims and justice for all*; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week—April 13-19, 2008—provides an opportunity for us to strive to reach the goal of justice for all by ensuring that all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime; and

Whereas, *Monroe County* is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the County of Monroe and America to raise awareness about victims' rights and observe the 28th National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

And reaffirm this County commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during *National Crime Victims' Rights Week* and throughout the year; and Express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

Now, therefore, I, Charles "Sonny" McCoy, as Mayor of Monroe County do hereby proclaim the week of April 13-19, 2008,



Charles "Sonny" McCoy, Mayor of Monroe County

