

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., April 18, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom
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AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation declaring April 22-28, 2007 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Monroe County is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Monroe County and America to raise awareness of victim's rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____



Mayor's Proclamation

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK APRIL 22-28, 2007

WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its efforts to protect, restore, and expand crime victims' rights and services so that they apply to every victim, every time; and

WHEREAS, 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2 million are victims of violent crime; and all victims of crime deserve respect, resources, restoration, and justice; and all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government grant crime victims certain legal rights; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 22-28, 2007 – offers us all the opportunity to recommit ourselves to ensuring that every victim is afforded his or her legal rights and treated as a crucial participant in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, as we carry crime victims' rights into 2007 and beyond, we must strive to create a nation where the legal rights of victims are honored and individuals are accountable for their treatment of victims; and

WHEREAS, despite significant progress in providing rights and services to crime victims over the past two decades, large segments of our population, including crime victims with disabilities, victims with mental illness, victims who are immigrants, victims who are teenagers, victims who are elderly, and victims in rural areas, are still underserved; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Monroe County and America to raise awareness of victim's rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario Di Gennaro, as Mayor of Monroe County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2007, as

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

And reaffirm Monroe County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during 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.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2007


MAYOR MARIO DI GENNARO