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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

RECOGNIZING APRIL 7-13, 2019, AS "CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed,  
2 religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

3 WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, victims  
4 and survivors of crime will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will  
5 feel understood, heard, and respected; and

6 WHEREAS, serving victims and survivors rebuilds their trust, which in turn restores their hope and supports  
7 thriving communities; and

8 WHEREAS, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve  
9 victims and survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators,  
12 and businesses can provide new links between victims and survivors and services that improve their safety, healing, and  
13 access to justice; and

14 WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims and survivors of crime, including the rights to be heard and treated  
15 with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social  
16 service systems; and

17 WHEREAS, Delaware's annual Crime Victims' Rights Week, held in coordination with the National Crime  
18 Victims' Rights Week each April, provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims and survivors of crime,  
19 especially those who are challenging to reach or serve, are offered culturally- and linguistically-accessible and appropriate  
20 services in the aftermath of crime; and

21 WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance, and commitment that launched the  
22 victims' rights movement 4 decades ago, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime  
23 victims; and

24 WHEREAS, Delaware's Victims' Bill of Rights is codified in Chapter 94 of Title 11; and

25 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime,  
26 building resilience in Delaware's communities and victim responders, and working toward a better future for all victims  
27 and survivors.

28 NOW, THEREFORE:

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
30 Senate concurring therein, that April 7-13, 2019, is recognized as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in the State of Delaware.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes April 7-13, 2019, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in the State of Delaware. Please visit the following websites for more information on Crime Victims' Rights Week and the resources available to victims and survivors of crime.

Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, at <https://dcadv.org>

Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force, at <https://delawarevictimservices.org>