

Sample Proclamation

Connection <KINSHIP> Healing

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWR) ceremonies often include proclamations from public officials—governors, mayors, or county council presidents—to inspire the community and raise awareness of victims' rights, services, and resources. Officials may hold public signings of these proclamations and invite sponsoring agencies and the local media to attend. Increase the likelihood that officials will issue a proclamation by providing them with a sample. They will appreciate having an example to guide their own proclamations and public statements. Contact your officials well in advance of NCVWR to invite them to speak at your ceremony or to issue an NCVWR proclamation.

Whereas crime affects individuals, families, and communities in profound and varied ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional, and social challenges;

Whereas the concept of kinship underscores the connections that build bridges to support, services, and shared strength among survivors, advocates, and communities;

Whereas kinship is the foundation of victim advocacy, inspiring trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are;

Whereas through kinship, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience, and offer pathways to healing;

Whereas KINSHIP reminds us of the strength that comes from connection, the importance of listening to every voice, and the power we have to create lasting change when we work together;

Now, therefore, I, [Name], [Title] of [City/County/State], proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2025, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in [City/County/State]. This proclamation reaffirms our dedication to building connections, standing in kinship with survivors, and creating a future where healing and hope are within reach for everyone.

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