



Proclamation

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting negative impact on any person and cause significant social and economic problems to individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can link victims with services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect helps to rebuild their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has been observed every year since 1981 and is a week that is dedicated to learning about victimization, the effect victimization has on individuals, families, friends and the community; and promoting laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Department of Public Safety, Restitution and Victim Services (RAVS) office provides information, support, and referral assistance to crime victims and the general public and is dedicated to upholding the rights of victims and survivors; strengthening victim response services and support; building resilience in our communities; and working for a better future for all victims and survivors;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 24–30, 2022 as

“CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in reaffirming Hawai'i's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response system that assists all crime victims regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation or economic status; and to express gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving crime victim response so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of April 2022.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i