

1 [National Crime Victims' Rights Week]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming the week of April 13-19, 2008, as National Crime Victims' Rights**
4 **Week.**

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6 WHEREAS, 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those, 5.2
7 million are victims of violent crime; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, we must do better to ensure services are available for all underserved
17 segments of our community; and,

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

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

23 WHEREAS, our nation must strive to protect, expand, and observe crime victims' rights
24 so that there truly is *justice for victims* and *justice for all*; and,

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

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco District Attorney's Office, Victim Services Division, is
6 joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens
7 throughout the City and County of San Francisco and America to raise awareness of victims'
8 rights and observe the 28th National Crime Victims' Rights Week; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the
10 week of April 13-19, 2008, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week ; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms San Francisco's
12 commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during *National*
13 *Crime Victims' Rights Week* and throughout the year; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors expresses the appreciation for
15 those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to
16 improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

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