

**National Crime  
Victims' Rights Week**

APRIL 19-25, 2026

**LISTEN.  
ACT.  
ADVOCATE.**

**PROTECT VICTIMS,  
SERVE COMMUNITIES.**

IOWA DOC'S VICTIM ADVISORY COUNCIL & THE IOWA ORGANIZATION FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE PRESENT THE  
**2026 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK COMMEMORATION**

**Wednesday, April 15th - 10:00am-12:00pm**  
**Polk County River Place - 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, IA**

**Presentation Colors:** IDOC Color Guard\*

**National Anthem:** Performed by Jackie Schmillen

**Welcome Video created by the National Office for Victims of Crime**

**Opening Remarks:** Beth Skinner- IDOC Director and Cliff Cory- IOVA President

**Governor's Proclamation:** Read by Tiffany Allison - Soaring Hearts Foundation

**Honoring of Deceased Crime Victims Presentation:**

The names of all Iowans whose lives were lost due to violent crime over the past year will be read and a Moment of Silence will be offered in their memory.

Names read by: Nic Martens (PPO), Wayne Briscoe (PPO), Sara McMillan (PCCA), Ruth Thompson (PCCA), Sgt. Paul Parizek (DMPD), Captain Ryan Doty (DMPD)

★ **Guest Speaker:** In 1990, Waterloo resident Andrea Hurley Dunlay lost her fiancé to a senseless act of violence. Today, her journey is defined not just by what she lost, but by her extraordinary resilience and compassion—using her survival story to profoundly transform the lives of those who have committed similar crimes.

**John & Kay Egan Award:** an annual award presented by the Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance (IOVA) to an Iowan who has shown outstanding service and dedication to crime victims.

The 2026 recipient is Mary Roche. Presented by Karl Schilling (IOVA).

**Retrieval of Colors:** IDOC Color Guard\*

**Special Displays:**

"What They Were Wearing" victim awareness program of the Polk County Crisis & Advocacy

**Acknowledgements:**

**IDOC Color Guard:** Aaron Meader (IMCC), Michelle Humiston (5th District), Hunter Bries (ASP), Douglas Fidler (CCF), Steven Blow (MPCF)

**Victims Presentation:** created by Madison Elbert (IDOC), Sarah Villasaldo (MPCF), Marie Harvey (AG's office), Haley Neal (5th District)

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