
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Iowans are the victims of thousands of crimes each year, affecting individuals, families and our communities;
- WHEREAS,** years of Iowa's investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of response that can help victims recover from crime;
- WHEREAS,** reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities;
- WHEREAS,** dedicated victim service providers are working every day to meet the needs of victims, yet there are still too many survivors without meaningful access to rights and services;
- WHEREAS,** many survivors face barriers – such as isolation, language limitations, distrust of the system, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers – that keep them from accessing the services and systems that can help them recover;
- WHEREAS,** we, as Iowans, must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to resources;
- WHEREAS,** engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing and access to justice;
- WHEREAS,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides us an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are afforded their rights and receive trauma-informed response;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2020 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Iowa and reaffirm this state's commitment to creating services and criminal justice responses that assist all victims of crime during this week and throughout the year.

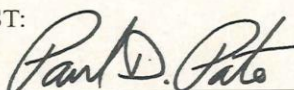


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.



KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:



PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE