

**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Crime Victims' Rights Week**  
**APRIL 18 – April 24, 2010**

- WHEREAS,** Each year in America, 21 million people suffer the indignity of crimes that affect them emotionally, physically, financially, and spiritually; and
- WHEREAS,** Crime victims' rights and services are integral to our nation's commitment to justice for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** A just nation must ensure that victims are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect as they interact with the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS,** The theme of 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect." which provides an opportunity for (community) to raise awareness about these, the foundation of victims' rights; and
- WHEREAS,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an ideal time to promote fairness, dignity, and respect by ensuring that all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical, and psychological impact of crime; and
- WHEREAS,** We must work to ensure fair treatment of crime victims by providing protection for child and sexual assault victims, ordering and enforcing victim restitution from offenders, and notifying victims of their right to notification and other services, thereby giving hope to victims that the system and society will work to restore dignity and respect their needs and rights; and
- WHEREAS,** Fairness, dignity, and respect for crime victims is reinforced by providing access to our Warren County's PA SAVIN system, Pennsylvania's Victim Notification Service, which provides critical offender information when victims need it most; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** Warren County Commissioner's proclaims the week of April 18 to 24, 2010 as Crime Victims' Rights Week to honor crime victims and survivors, and those who serve them; and Warren County is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Pennsylvania and communities across the United States to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and Warren County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.
- ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY

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Vice-Chairman

Attest:

Pamela Matve  
Chief Clerk

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