

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 1055

Supporting the designation of April 24 through April 30, 2022, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2022

Mr. COSTA (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of April 24 through April 30, 2022, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”.

Whereas the mission of the Congressional Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus is to identify, address, and elevate the needs of crime survivors and all United States jurisdictions affected by crime in a bipartisan manner, without infringing on the rights of the accused, through Federal legislation, congressional education, public awareness, and collaboration with and support of victim assistance and allied professionals and organizations nationwide;

Whereas crime, victimization, and mass violence incidents in the United States have significant, often devastating impacts on victims, survivors, and communities large and small;

Whereas, for over 40 years, “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week” has recognized and validated the impact of crime on victims and survivors, and those who assist them;

Whereas the 2022 theme of “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”, “Rights, access, equity for all victims”, reflects the national approach that is needed to ensure that crime survivors’ needs are identified and addressed;

Whereas crime victims’ advocates and service providers help crime survivors by providing them with information about their rights and how to exercise them;

Whereas crime victims’ advocates and service providers increase access to services and support for survivors by working together to eliminate barriers to the ability to know about and receive quality, comprehensive services, including the elimination of barriers related to age, gender, ethnicity, race, faith, geography, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or disability;

Whereas equity in victim or survivor services requires the people of the United States, individually and collectively, to recognize that every single person who is harmed by crime, whether they report it to law enforcement or not, deserves to be treated with fairness, dignity, respect, and support; and

Whereas the Congressional Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus and Congress commit to the adoption of policies and programs that identify and meet the needs of crime survivors across the United States, including the strengthening and protection of the Victims of Crime Act, the Crime Victims’ Rights Act, and the Violence Against Women Act: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) strongly supports the goals and theme of  
2           “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”, “Rights,  
3           access, equity for all victims”;

4           (2) recognizes the outstanding efforts of over  
5           12,000 victim assistance organizations and agencies  
6           that serve crime survivors at the local, State, Tribal,  
7           national, and Federal levels; and

8           (3) encourages the people of the United States  
9           to commit to ensuring that crime victims’ rights and  
10          services are not only commemorated annually, but  
11          practiced daily.

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