

PROCLAMATION

Resolution 87-60

WHEREAS, violent crime against individuals is a concern with which all levels of government must deal effectively; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of Victims Rights Week is to recognize that all victims and witnesses are entitled to certain basic rights, among them the right to protection from harm, the right to be treated with respect, dignity and compassion and the right to be informed of available human services; and,

WHEREAS, crime continues to be a serious social problem in the United States; victims and witnesses who are willing to help the criminal justice system are society's most valuable resource in fighting crime; victims of violent crimes seldom fully recover their psychological, physical or financial health and well-being and the rights of crime victims often are overlooked in the administration of our system of justice; and,

WHEREAS, creating a better understanding of the rights of victims and witnesses will help achieve the goals of crime reduction and the restoration of fairness and effectiveness to the administration of justice; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Bob Martinez and the Florida Network of Victim-Witnesses Services have declared the week of April 26, through May 2, 1987, as Victims Rights Week, and St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry has requested a commemorative proclamation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 14th day of April, proclaiming

VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

April 26 - May 2, 1987

in St. Johns County and calling upon the citizens to recognize and support victims' and witnesses' rights.

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