

RESOLUTION NO. 89-61

VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, victims of crime and their loved ones often face severe financial, physical, and psychological losses; and,

WHEREAS, some 35 million Americans become crime victims each year; and,

WHEREAS, violent crime seems to be increasingly brutal due to the increase in drug-related criminal activity; and,

WHEREAS, the aftermath of criminal violence may cause additional losses to victims due to inappropriate treatment by social or government institutions; and,

WHEREAS, certain groups -- such as victims of drug-related crime, of hate motivated crime, of gang violence, of sexual assault and abuse, of family violence, of burglary, of drunk-driving crashes, the victims of maiming and crippling assaults, and the surviving loved ones of homicide victims -- are often underserved in many communities, as are the poor, the young, the elderly, the chronically mentally ill, the homeless, and the differently-abled; and,

WHEREAS, there are still too few services for victims generally and too little attention to establishing their rights; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of our fellow citizens in their work and their volunteer activities are seeking to provide needed help to victims of crime and crisis; and,

WHEREAS, many victims and survivors of crime have demonstrated extraordinary courage and strength as they sought to help themselves and others; and,

WHEREAS, such victims, survivors, and victim advocates should be supported in their work to ensure a better life for us all;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commisisoners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 28th day of March, 1989, proclaiming

VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

April 9 - April 15, 1989

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUTNY, FLORIDA

By: *Ray Webb*
Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL

By: *Carl "Bud" Markel*
Its Clerk