## RESOLUTION NO. 90-67

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 THROUGH APRIL 28, 1990 AS NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHT WEEK

WHEREAS, over thirty-five million Americans become victims of crime each year, with six million citizens falling prey to violence; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice estimates that five out of six of today's twelve-year-olds--83 percent of Americans that age--will be the victims or intended victims of violent crime in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, only 37 percent of crimes are even reported to law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, to fight the continuing threat of crime and victimization, all Americans must join together, committing their individual and collective resources to crime prevention and victim services; and

WHEREAS, over 7,000 victim service, criminal justice and law enforcement organizations will work together to observe the annual commemoration of National Victims' Rights Week from April 22 through April 28; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, has a victim advocate on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, - year round to assist victims of crime and/or their families. The Victim Advocacy staff works closely with the local social service agencies. Referrals are made on the basis of the victim's specific needs; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office requires the committment of concerned citizens and leaders in both the public and private sectors to continue providing quality services which aid the innocent victims of crime;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office be commended during 1990 National Victims' Rights Week for providing exemplary services to victims of violent crime and to St. Johns County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitably prepared copy of this proclamation be presented during 1990 National Victim's Rights Week to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this April 10, 1990, by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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