

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 27, 1991  
AS NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHT WEEK

WHEREAS, one in four United States households had at least one family member who was a crime victim last year; and

WHEREAS, less than 37 percent of all crimes are even reported to law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, the psychological, financial and physical devastation innocent victims suffer as a result of violence continues to tear at the fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, Florida has focused greatly needed attention on the needs of crime victims by passing new laws to protect and restore victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, 8,000 victim service and criminal justice organizations nationwide will join together to observe the annual commemoration of National Victims' Right Week from April 21 to 27, 1991;

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 Board of County Commissioners commends the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for their continuing effort to aid the victims of crime, and supports their many fine programs and services which strive to achieve a new balance between the rights of the accused and the rights of the innocent victims of crime,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office be commended during 1991 as National Victims' Rights Week for providing exemplary services to victims of crime and to the citizens of St. Johns County, and that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners proclaim the week of April 21 to 27, 1991 as St. Johns County Victims' Rights Week,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitably prepared copy of this proclamation be presented during 1991 St. Johns County Victims' Rights Week to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 1991 by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its Chairman

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