



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New Yorkers share a vision for a better world and are committed to making our communities safer places in which to live; our state continuously seeks to ensure the right to a safe and secure existence for every individual and we join in the observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, taking this opportunity to issue a strong message that crime has no place in our communities; and

**Whereas**, acts of crime affect not only victims, but their families and society as a whole; these victims can be of any age, race, or economic status, with the resulting damage taking form in extensive and often irreparable physical, psychological, and emotional pain, as well as significant financial losses for victims, their families, and their communities; and

**Whereas**, safeguarding and protecting the public is a fundamental obligation of government and New York State seeks to protect crime victims' rights and services to aid in the healing process and prevent further victimization; and

**Whereas**, the New York State Office of Victim Services has a three-tiered mission to: provide compensation to victims of crime in a timely, efficient, and compassionate manner; fund direct services to crime victims via a network of community-based programs; and advocate for the rights and compensation benefits of all innocent victims of crime; and

**Whereas**, New York State remembers and honors those who have been victims of crimes, and renews its commitment to fighting criminal behavior which is corrosive to our families, communities, and society as a whole, and this occasion serves to remind everyone that crime and violence cannot and will not be tolerated;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2012 as

## CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in the Empire State.



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this nineteenth  
day of April in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor