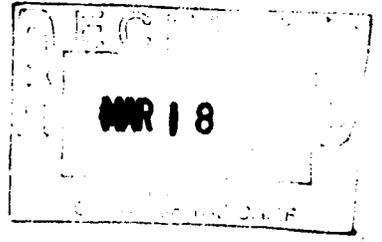


3/17/11 TO: Chief Kirchoff cc: City Clerk

CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 14, 2011  
TO: Mark Antonio, City Manager  
FROM: James E. Kirchoff, Chief of Police *JK*  
SUBJECT: National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 10, 2011 - April 16, 2011

In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week staff is requesting Mayor Joy Cooper issue a proclamation at the City Commission Meeting of April 6, 2011 designating April 10<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week. We have attached a sample proclamation for the City Clerk's Office.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please advise and we will comply accordingly.

Reviewed:

*Nydia M. Rafols*  
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Nydia M. Rafols, City Manager

*03/15/11*  
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Date

Approved       Denied       Hold for Discussion

Comments: *Thank you - cc: City Clerk*  
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JEK/md

cc: Nydia Rafols-Sallabery, Deputy City Manager

Attachment: Sample Proclamation

*JK*

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for proclamation  
planning agenda*



# BROWARD VICTIM'S RIGHTS COALITION

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March 10, 2011

Mayor Joy Cooper  
City of Hallandale Beach  
Board of Commissioners  
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Dear Mayor Cooper:

The **2011 National Crime Victims' Rights Week: "Reshaping the Future: Honoring the Past"** is April 10 – April 16, 2011. This annual commemorative week provides an excellent opportunity for your city to demonstrate its support for crime victims and those who serve them by educating our citizens about violence, victimization, and the importance of their support for victims' rights and services

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The Broward Victims' Rights Coalition would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize April 10 – April 16, 2011, as **Crime Victims' Rights Week**. Your proclamation would lead the community in our effort to bring honor to crime victims and to extend official recognition to the important work of victim service providers. Enclosed is a sample proclamation, which may help your office compose the appropriate proclamation for your city. The Broward Victim Right's Coalition would also like to display this proclamation at all of our county wide events including the Crime Victim Vigil on April 11, 2011 and Awards Luncheon on April 13, 2011.

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Please respond with your intention to participate no later than April 4, 2011. You may contact me at 954-602-4348 or [bcschneiderman@ci.miramar.fl.us](mailto:bcschneiderman@ci.miramar.fl.us).

**TREASURER**

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Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Bridget Schneiderman, President  
Broward Victim Rights Coalition

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Enclosure

**PAST PRESIDENT**

Staci A. Beers, MSW

# National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2011

- Whereas,** 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including families, friends and communities;
  - Whereas,** crime exacts and emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims as they have lost loved ones, life savings, physical and mental health, and often their sense of security that has the potential to irrevocably change the course of their lives forever;
  - Whereas,** more than 30 years of progress for crime victims stands on the shoulders of dedicated advocates and brave victims who overcame shame, isolation, and indifference to gain a voice, rights, and respect;
  - Whereas,** we applaud the progress that our nation has made in recognizing crime's impact on victims and celebrate advocates and survivors who through their determination brought rights and resources for victims and have changed the course of history;
  - Whereas,** victim assistance programs across the country are reaching more victims and criminal justice officials are honoring victims' rights more consistently, public understanding of victims' rights remains minimal, and our nation's victim services system remains fragmented, underfunded, and uncoordinated;
  - Whereas,** more work remains to be done to address the mental health impact of crime, and to meet the needs of victims of non-violent crime, victims of terrorism, and other underserved victims ;
  - Whereas,** our history teaches us that, by working together, we can help victims of crime reshape their destinies and ensure that they receive the support they need, the respect they deserve, and the rights they have earned;
  - Whereas,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2011, provides an opportunity for us to reshape the future for victims by honoring the past and reflecting on hard-won victories, and to recommit to working together to insist on better treatment for victims to help them overcome the harm caused by crime; and
  - Whereas,** *(Your organization)* is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout *(your City/County/Parish/State/Tribe)* and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;
- Now, therefore,** I, , as *(Governor/County Executive/Mayor/Other Title)* of , do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2011, as

## Crime Victims' Rights Week

And reaffirm this *(City/County/Parish/State/Tribe's)* commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during *Crime Victims' Rights Week* and throughout the year; and

Express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

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