

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that, at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

WHEREAS, the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support; and

WHEREAS, today thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims, victims of drunk-driving crashes, victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week: April 19 - 25, 2015, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

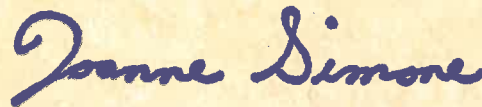
WHEREAS, the Broward Victim's Rights Coalition is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the City of Margate/Broward County, Florida and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joanne Simone, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 - 25, 2015, as

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

and reaffirm the commitment of the City of Margate 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 15th day of April 2015.



JOANNE SIMONE, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico