

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year; 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, too many communities feel disconnected from the justice and social response systems, and have lost trust in the ability of those systems to recognize them and respond to their needs; and

WHEREAS, victims of repeat victimization who fail to receive supportive services are at greater risk for long term consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, the victim services community has worked for decades to create an environment for victims that is safe, supportive, and effective; and

WHEREAS, intervening early with services that support and empower victims provides a pathway to recovery from crime and abuse; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10-16, 2016, is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime – even those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate is hereby dedicated to serving victims, building trust, and restoring hope for justice and healing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10 - 16, 2016, as

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

and reaffirm the commitment of the City of Margate in creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim services providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 6th day of April 2016.



TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico