

WHEREAS, crime victimization effects millions of people each year in the United States including individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, without support and intervention, vulnerable populations are at greater risk for long-term impacts of crime through repeat victimization; and

WHEREAS, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the victim services community has strived to support and empower victims, providing a pathway to recovery from crime; and

WHEREAS, trust is built by creating an environment that honors the rights of victims; and

WHEREAS, engaging the community is facilitated through outreach and education on crime victimization; and

WHEREAS, we take a moment during National Crime Victims' Rights Week to honor and pay tribute to the victims and survivors of 9/11 as we approach the twentieth anniversary of that tragic day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate, is hereby dedicated to supporting victims of crime, continuing to build trust and engage our communities in the aftermath of crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arlene Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18-24, 2021 as

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

reaffirming the City of Margate's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service 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 7th day of April, 2021.

ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOF

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joanne Simone