

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each year crime affects many more, including families, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty 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; and

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; and

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 under served victims; and

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, Warren County is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Warren County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Warren County hereby proclaims the week of April 10-16, 2011, as

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

And reaffirms the commitment of Warren County to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives through supportive services and victim compensation during National 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.

Dated: March 18, 2011



Daniel G. Stec, Chairman
Warren County Board of Supervisors