

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 – 12, 2014 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’
RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, every year, millions of Americans fall victim to crime through no fault of their own;

WHEREAS, for the second time in nearly two decades, violent crime in America has increased approximately 5% from 2011 to 2012 where there were only 44% of violent crimes reported to police, and only 8% of crime victims received assistance from victim service agencies; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting, law enforcement agencies throughout the nation reported an increase of approximately 1.9 percent in the number of violent crimes brought to their attention for the first six months of 2012; and

WHEREAS, society acknowledges the impact of crime on individuals, families, schools, and communities by protecting the rights of crime victims and ensuring that support, resources, and services are available to help rebuild lives; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week is April 6 to 12, 2014 and encourages people to define and address “New Challenges and New Solutions” that face the fields of crime victim assistance, criminal justice and public safety; and

WHEREAS, individual victims and survivors are challenged by fears of being blamed for what happened to them; concerns about their personal safety and security; and a desire to hold offenders accountable for the harm they caused; and

WHEREAS, there are many solutions to challenges that emerge from efforts that identify and address victims’ most important needs and make crime victim assistance a priority in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the most important solution to address crime and victimization in “Restoring the balance of justice” in America requires a collective understanding of the emotional, physical, financial, spiritual and social impact of crime on crime survivors, and a collective commitment to provide support and services to victims in need of help; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro will remain united in its commitment to a nationwide solution that ensures that all crime victims and survivors are treated with compassion and respect, and afforded services that provide help and hope to them; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Greensboro recognizes and appreciates the continued importance of promoting the rights of, and services for, crime victims, and of honoring crime victims, survivors, and those who provide services for them

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO THAT:

That the week of April 6 to 12, 2014 is declared National Crime Victims’ Rights Week in Greensboro and honors crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year.

That for every “challenge” to effective victim assistance and services, Greensboro will stand united in its commitment to develop solutions which ensure that victims and survivors of crime receive the support and services they need and deserve.