

## ***NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK***

***WHEREAS***, each year 25 million people in America are victimized by violent crimes that affect them emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually; and

***WHEREAS***, crime victims' rights and services are integral to our nation's commitment to justice for all Americans; and

***WHEREAS***, the theme of the 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act" (VOCA); and

***WHEREAS***, since its inception, more than \$9 billion in Federal criminal fines and penalties have been deposited in the Crime Victims' Fund as a result of prosecutions brought by U.S. Attorneys throughout the nation; and

***WHEREAS***, VOCA and the Crime Victims Fund have had a profound and positive impact on helping crime victims and survivors to rebuild their lives and to become active participants in the criminal justice system; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Glendale has benefited from VOCA funding since 1984 and has received approximately \$2 million in that time to assist in maintaining quality services to victims of crime in Glendale.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Elaine Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 through May 2, 2009, as

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*and reaffirm this city's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year.*

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of April 2009.*