

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, from violence in our neighborhoods to credit card fraud, millions of Americans fall victim to countless crimes every day, and our nation has no higher responsibility than protecting the safety of our families;

WHEREAS, a just nation acknowledges crime's impact on individuals, families, and communities and ensures that victims are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect as they interact with the criminal justice system;

WHEREAS, our nation must strive to protect, expand and observe crime victims' rights so that there truly is justice for victims and justice for all;

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale recognizes that victims of crime have unfairly had their lives disrupted by suffering a physical, emotional or financial loss, and the city works diligently to help them recover from their traumatic experiences;

WHEREAS, during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Americans across the nation join together to honor victims and survivors, to remember their pain, and to recognize their many contributions to improving our criminal justice system and helping others affected by crime; and

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 18-24, 2010, as

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and reaffirm this city's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs this 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.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of April, 2010.