

## Victims Rights Week – April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Whereas**, victims of crime across America need and deserve support and assistance to help them cope with the consequences of crime; and

**Whereas**, National Crime Victims Rights Week -April 13th to 19th, 2008 - offers us all the opportunity to promote *strength and unity* in helping victims and survivors of crime, and recognizing their rights as victims; and

**Whereas**, victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from the wide range of supportive services offered by over 10,000 community and justice system-based programs, and the more than 32,000 Federal and State statutes that define and protect their rights; and

**Whereas**, by being united *against* crime and *for* victim's rights and services, we gain strength as individuals, as communities, and as a Nation as a whole, and offer strength to victims who seek to recover in the aftermath of crime; and

**Whereas**, we must remain united in our commitment to ensure that all crime victims and survivors are treated with compassion and respect, recognized as key participants within our system of justice, and afforded services that provide help and hope to them; and

**Now therefore**, the Columbia County Commissioners proclaim the week of April 13th -19th, 2008 to be Columbia County Crime Victims Rights Week, and honor crime victims and those who serve during this week and throughout the year.

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