

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****March 20, 2019****RESOLUTION DECLARING  
APRIL 7, 2019 – APRIL 13, 2019  
AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Bowen moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

**WHEREAS**, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched victims' rights in the 1980s, and inspired its progress and advancements of the cause of justice for crime victims through today; and

**WHEREAS**, with support from community and service providers, victims will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

**WHEREAS**, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire community plays a role in supporting all victims of crime, our community leaders, healthcare providers, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide this support to more fully serve victims and improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

**WHEREAS**, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7-13, 2019 – whose theme is "*Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future*" – celebrates the progress made by those before us, as we also look to tomorrow's more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed crime victim services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is dedicated to reaching out to victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, and keeping victims informed about the services and rights they may expect.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2019 as Crime Victims' Rights Week, and reaffirms this County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and this Board further expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for community members, victim service providers and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace. Carried.