

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**MARCH 21, 2018****RESOLUTION DECLARING
APRIL 8, 2018 – APRIL 14, 2018
AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK****Introduced by the Public Safety Committee**

Commissioner Austin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration or economic status; and

Whereas, providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services strengthens their ability to recover through re-empowerment and support; and

Whereas, expanding everyone's knowledge of crime victims' rights, protections and services is critical for future victims; and

Whereas, the entire community plays a role in reaching every victim of crime, in particular a circle of dedicated professionals, organizations and communities working together; and

Whereas, reaching out to all victims, engaging with victim communities, and learning from leaders about their unique needs helps service providers foster a supportive and culturally relevant atmosphere where victims may find help and healing; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 8-14, 2018 – whose theme is "*Expand the Circle / Reach All Victims*" – provides an opportunity throughout our Nation to better ensure that every crime victim has access to services and support; and

Whereas, 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, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 8-14, 2018 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.