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## ***COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK*** ***APRIL 19-25, 2015***

**Cumberland County, PA** – In observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners plan to proclaim April 19-25, 2015 as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Cumberland County at their public meeting this week. Every April, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) helps lead communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's theme of Engaging Communities, Empowering Victims presents the opportunity to highlight the diversity of our communities, expand partnerships to serve victims of crime, enhance efforts to meet victims where they are, and empower crime victims as they pursue justice and recovery.

On April 23rd, Cumberland County will commemorate our nation's progress in advancing victims' rights by honoring victim services volunteers, law enforcement, and community members who are all champions in advocating for expanded support and services to victims affected by crime. We invite the public to rally with us on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Courthouse. Following the presentation of awards and guest speakers, we will walk one mile through Carlisle in the hopes of bringing awareness to the community, and to honor and remember crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.

NCVRW honors and celebrates the achievements of the past 30 years in securing rights, protections, and services for victims. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund to ease victims' suffering. Financed by fines and penalties paid by offenders, the Crime Victims Fund supports victim assistance and services, such as rape crisis and domestic violence programs and victim compensation programs that pay victims' out-of-pocket expenses such as counseling, funeral expenses, and lost wages. VOCA has also pioneered support efforts for victims of once hidden crimes such as domestic and sexual violence. Efforts are being made to ensure that all victims, regardless of their background or the crime committed against them, receive the support they deserve.

For additional information about Cumberland County's Victims' Rights Rally/Walk and how to assist victims in your community, please contact the Cumberland County Victim Services Office at 888-697-0371, ext. 6220 or visit online at [www.ccpa.net/vs](http://www.ccpa.net/vs).

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