

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, a person's chances of becoming a victim of violent crime in Alabama are one in 191 and; and

WHEREAS, the governor of Alabama is committed to working with the state's judicial system, law enforcement community and crime victims' advocates to not only reduce the incidence of crime in the state, but also to restore dignity and respect and promote justice for all crime victims; and

WHEREAS, crime victims have resources in the state to help ensure that they have the information, services and support that they need to assist in the prosecution of crimes, receive restitution for their losses and to seek and receive justice; and

WHEREAS, a single non-profit agency, Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL), established in 1982, has provided voice and vision to victims, thanks to the diligent work, stalwart advocacy and unrelenting courage of its founder, Miriam Shehane; and

WHEREAS, VOCAL of Alabama is partnering with state and local officials, non-profit agencies and victimized families to promote National Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Week, thanks to a grant award from the Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Administrators;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019, as

Victims' Rights Awareness Week

in the State of Alabama.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 27th day of March 2019.



Kay Ivey, Governor