STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; crime touches the lives of thousands of Wisconsinites each year and the State of Wisconsin recognizes the impact that crime has on the lives of victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin has a number of programs to assist victims of crime including the Office of Crime Victim Services at the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the Office of Victim Services and Programs at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and county victim witness units; and

WHEREAS; Article 1, section 9m of the Wisconsin Constitution and Chapter 950 of the Wisconsin Statutes require victims to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect for their privacy, to be provided safe, effective, and appropriate services, to have their interests considered, to have the opportunity to attend proceedings, to provide input to the court and the prosecution, and to be compensated for their losses; and

WHEREAS; there are a number of services available to victims including assistance in navigating the criminal justice system, compensation for financial losses, information and notification systems, and opportunities for restorative justice; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Legislature has shown consistent support for victims of crime, passing laws to protect victims and codify their rights under the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS; April 8th – 14th is recognized as Crime Victims' Rights Week to ensure that all victims of crime and survivors can utilize appropriate services in the aftermath of crime;
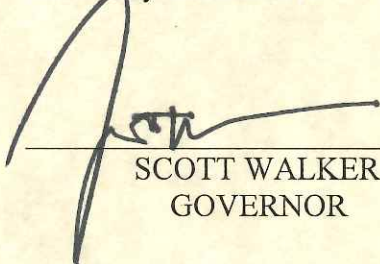
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 8 – 14, 2018 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of March 2018.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State