

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 1**

**RESOLUTION BY INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 22-28, 2012 AS “NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK”**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

**WHEREAS**, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers,

**WHEREAS**, the physical, emotional, and financial impact of crime falls on people of all ages and abilities, and all economic, racial, and social backgrounds;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that at times ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect;

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, the President’s Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims;

**WHEREAS**, the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims’ rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support;

**WHEREAS**, today, thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence and other crimes;

**WHEREAS**, now is the time to “Extend the Vision” through a comprehensive strategy for reaching and serving every victim of crime, especially traditionally underserved victims such as those with disabilities and victims from diverse cultures;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice has launched the *Vision 21* initiative to renew our nation’s commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 22-28, 2012, provides an opportunity to extend that vision to every crime victim in the United States – to help ensure their access to the help they deserve and the rights they are promised;

**WHEREAS**, the Racine County Board is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Racine County and America to raise awareness of victims’ rights and observe National Crime Victims’ Rights Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 22-28, 2012 is designated as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK and reaffirm the commitment of the Racine County Board to respect and enforce victims’ rights and address their needs during *Crime Victims’ Rights Week* and throughout the year; and express our appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

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BOARD ACTION  
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For \_\_\_\_\_  
Against \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

Prepared by:  
Corporation Counsel

Respectfully submitted,

**INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS**

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20 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
21 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

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23 **Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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29 **James A. Ladwig, County Executive**