

HONORABLE ADELE B. REITER ACTING ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated victim service providers work to meet the needs of crime victims; empowering them to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and provide hope without fear of judgment, and providing support so victims will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has many resources available to victims of crime and is dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and working for justice for all victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7-13, 2019, focuses on the theme "Honoring Our Past – Creating Hope for the Future" which celebrates the progress made by those before us as we look to a future of crime victim services that is even more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adele B. Reiter, Acting Executive of the County of Ulster, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 7 – April 13, 2019**, as

Crime Victims' Rights Week

in Ulster County and I call the observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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The County of Ulster

Adele B. Reiter, Acting County Executive

Date: April 5, 2019