



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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Left to right: Legislator Robert Aiello, Kelvin Antonelli, former Director of Community Corrections, Committee Chairman Legislator Frank Dart, Legislator Paul Hansut, District Attorney Holley Carnright, Legislator T.J. Briggs, Legislator Susan Zimet, Laura Wells of the Crime Victims Assistance Program and Legislator Richard Parete.

## **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson has declared April 13-19, 2008 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Legislator Frank Dart, Chairman of the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee presented the proclamation to District Attorney Holley Carnright at the monthly committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. Dart said "Ulster County must strive to protect, expand, and observe crime victims' rights so that there is truly justice for victims and justice for all."

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Donaldson said that more than 23 million Americans are victims of crime each year, including 5.2 million who are victims of violent crime.

Ulster County is joining forces with victim services programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens to raise awareness about victims' rights and to observe the 28<sup>th</sup> annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

"National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for us to strive to reach the goal of justice for all by ensuring that all victims are afforded their legal rights and provided with assistance as they face the financial, physical and psychological impact of a crime," Donaldson said.

In making his proclamation, Donaldson said the country must do a better job to ensure that services are available for underserved segments of our population, including victims with disabilities and mental illness and for people of all age and color.

"Ulster County reaffirms its commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights while addressing their needs," Donaldson said. "I ask Ulster County residents to join me to express appreciation to those victims and crime survivors who have turned tragedy into a motivating force, thereby improving our response to victims of crime and building a more just community."

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