

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE APRIL 2-8, 2017 "CRIME
3 VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK".

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5 WHEREAS, in April of each year, national crime victims'
6 rights week is sponsored by criminal justice and victim
7 service providers as an occasion to publicize and affirm the
8 rights of those who suffer as victims of violent crimes; and

9 WHEREAS, during this week, many public education and
10 community awareness activities are held to help New Mexico
11 residents understand the experience of crime victims and to
12 learn about the many critical services available to those who
13 fall prey to criminal offenders; and

14 WHEREAS, violent crime affects the lives of countless
15 New Mexicans each year, and it is crucial that all residents
16 be aware of their legal rights and the full range of services
17 available to victims, for only in this way can the criminal
18 justice system truly function on behalf of the innocent as
19 well as the guilty; and

20 WHEREAS, national crime victims' rights week is an
21 important observance to promote greater awareness of crime
22 victims' rights;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to declare
25 April 2-8, 2017 "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" in

