

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 81

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Myers

- 1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION designating April 21 through April 27, 1996 as
2 "Crime Victims' Rights Week" in New Jersey.
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- 4 WHEREAS, Nearly 50,000 New Jersey residents were reported to be victims
5 of violent crime in the most recent reporting year; and
6 WHEREAS, The citizens of this State have every right to be protected from
7 criminal attack and to live safe and secure lives, free from the fear of violent
8 crime, bias and hate-related incidents, domestic violence, child and elder
9 abuse, and drug-related criminal activity; and
10 WHEREAS, Victims' rights are recognized in this State's constitution and this
11 State is a leader in compensating victims and advocating for their rights
12 through such programs as the Victims of Crimes Compensation Board and
13 the Victim Witness Advocacy Program; and
14 WHEREAS, This House recognizes its duty and responsibility to promote and
15 advance the rights of victims through legislation and through cooperation
16 with governmental, private and non-profit organizations; and
17 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper, and within the public interest,
18 for this House to set forth its message of support for those who have been
19 innocently victimized by the brutality of senseless acts of violence; and
20 WHEREAS, The members of this House share a deep sense of empathy for the
21 plight of crime victims and a determination to raise the public's
22 consciousness about the impact of crime upon the victim, the victim's family
23 and friends, and society; now, therefore,
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- 25 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
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- 27 1. The week of April 21 to April 27, 1996 is hereby designated as Crime
28 Victims' Rights Week in New Jersey.
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 - 30 2. This House hereby recognizes, respects and supports the purpose and
31 goals of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
 - 32 3. This House requests that all citizens of this State as well as private and
33 public organizations recognize April 21 through April 27, 1996 as Crime
34 Victims' Rights Week in New Jersey, and take appropriate actions to affirm

1 the support and empathy of law-abiding citizens for the victims of violent
2 crime.

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STATEMENT

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7 This resolution designates April 21 through April 27, 1996 as Crime
8 Victims' Rights Week in New Jersey. This resolution recognizes the need for
9 support and public awareness for the plight of innocent victims of senseless
10 acts of violence, and requests that all New Jersey citizens as well as private
11 and public organizations recognize the week. Crime Victims' Rights Week in
12 New Jersey corresponds with the National Crime Victims' Rights Week
13 designated by the President of the United States.

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19 Designates April 21 through April 27, 1996 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week"
in New Jersey.