



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, violent crime is a pressing issue that affects not just individuals, but their families, friends and communities; and

*W*HEREAS, violent crime is a focus of local, state and federal government agencies; and

*W*HEREAS, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial and social backgrounds; and

*W*HEREAS, individual victims and survivors are still challenged by fears of being blamed for what happened to them, concerns about their personal safety and security and a desire to hold offenders accountable for the harm they have caused; and

*W*HEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of newly recognized crimes, such as domestic minor sex trafficking and cybercrime, and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrant victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; and

*W*HEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme is "30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice"; and

*W*HEREAS, we must remain united in our commitment to a nationwide solution that ensures *all* crime victims and survivors are treated with compassion and respect, recognized as key participants within our justice system and are afforded services that provide help and hope to them; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, DANIEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2014 as

**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**  
in the State of Connecticut



  
GOVERNOR