

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8660

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Stevens, Hargrove, Fraser, McAuliffe, Spanel, Roach and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, Crime and the threat of violence have profound and devastating effects on individuals, families, and communities in America; and

WHEREAS, Over 24 million people in the United States are touched by crime each year; and

WHEREAS, The threat and reality of terrorism have challenged all Americans to realize the devastating consequences of violent crime, and the important roles in providing support to individuals and communities who are victimized; and

WHEREAS, Crime in America results in significant physical, psychological, financial, and spiritual effects on countless innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, Crime victims in every state, United States territory, and Federal jurisdiction have statutory rights to be kept informed of and involved in the criminal and juvenile justice processes, and to be afforded protection, restitution, and accountability from their offenders; and

WHEREAS, There are over 10,000 community and system-based victim service programs across our nation that provide a wide range of services and support to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the Office for Victims of Crime within the United States Department of Justice commemorates 20 years of providing leadership to ensure that crime victims are treated with dignity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, America as a nation continues to face threats to personal and public safety, and continues to commit its collective energies to help citizens who are hurt by crime; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor crime victims and those who serve them and urge residents to honor them this week of April 6-12, Crime Victims Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we continue to fulfill the promise of justice and compassion for crime victims as individuals, as communities, and as a nation to justice for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8660,  
adopted by the Senate  
April 14, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate