

# Proclamation

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK  
APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> – APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Whereas, more than 33 million Americans are victims of crime each year; and
- Whereas, victims may suffer emotional, physical, psychological and financial harm as a result of crime; and
- Whereas, victim services and compensation programs across the country provide vital and supportive services for victims that help individual, families and communities cope with the impact of crime; and
- Whereas, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) passed by Congress in 1984, affirmed a national commitment to helping victims rebuild their lives by establishing the Crime Victims Fund, a major source of funding for services and compensation to victims of crime throughout the United States; and
- Whereas, the Fund comprises fines and penalties levied on offenders and affirms the principle that those who commit crimes should be held accountable for their actions; and
- Whereas, the Crime Victims Fund provides support to states for victim services and victim compensation programs, as well as support for federal victims of crime, child abuse prosecution, emergency reserve to assist victims of terrorism, and training and technical assistance for the victim services field; and
- Whereas, victim compensation programs pay for medical and counseling cost, funeral bills, crime scene cleanup and lost wages for victims of crime; and
- Whereas, National Crime Victims' rights Week, April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, provides an opportunity for our country to recognize the Victim of Crime Act as a major bedrock of support for victim services and to reaffirm our nation's commitment to addressing the needs of victims of crime; and
- Whereas, the City of Apache Junction is joining forces with victims services programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Apache Junction and America to observe the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of VOCA during National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Insalaco, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK in Apache Junction and reaffirm the commitment of Apache Junction to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives through supportive services and victim compensation during National Crime Victims' Rights week and throughout the year.

Signed and attested to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

  
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JOHN INSALACO  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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KATHLEEN CONNELLY  
City Clerk