WHEREAS, 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including victim’s families, friends, co-workers and communities; and

WHEREAS, crime leaves victim’s families friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities feeling less secure; and

WHEREAS, crimes include crimes of violence, crimes against people and crimes against property that impact many Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, of the law enforcement agencies that reported information to the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System, there were 64,958 reported crimes of domestic violence, 514 murders, 7,818 incidents of sexual assaults, and 71,535 burglary/robbery cases reported in 2015; and

WHEREAS, each of these reported crimes and many others that were not reported turned one or more Ohioans into a victim; and

WHEREAS, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological and financial toll on victims and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2-8, 2017 as

CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to help reshape the future for crime victims by committing to work with their communities and the criminal justice system to address all forms of crime that impact our society.

On this 30th day of March 2017;

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor