

STATE OF OHIO

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**In Recognition of**

## **National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2009**

Crime affects everyone and can strike anyone. Crime leaves families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and entire communities less secure. Crimes including homicide, child abuse, workplace violence, teen dating/intimate partner violence and sexual assault impact many Ohioans. Of the law enforcement agencies that reported information to the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System, there were 37,455 domestic violence, 441 murders, 8,334 sexual assaults, and 87,048 burglary/robbery cases reported in 2007. Each of these crimes turned one or more Ohioans into a victim.

To raise awareness for crime victims' rights, the state of Ohio is participating in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

As we observe Crime Victims' Rights Week, I urge all communities, businesses, local governments, law enforcement and individuals to work together to stop crimes in our communities and neighborhoods.

Now, **Therefore I, Ted Strickland**, Governor of the state of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 26 through May 2 to be

### **National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ohio**

and I call upon all Ohioans to recognize the importance of creating awareness for the issue, recognize those who have survived, mourn those who have been lost to it and continue to encourage crime prevention by working together to provide coordinated services and to make our communities safer and healthier.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009



**Ted Strickland**  
Governor