HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95-4681, by Representatives Costa, Ballasiotes, Appelwick, Lambert, Cody, Ebersole, Veloria, Chappell, Kessler, Mason, Morris, Tokuda, Conway, Cole, Ogden, Sheldon, G. Fisher, Romero, Wolfe, Chopp, Ballard, Patterson, Basich, Rust, Hickel, K. Schmidt, Sommers, Robertson, R. Fisher, Sherstad, Mitchell, Hymes, Hankins, Delvin, Campbell, Smith, Skinner, Radcliff, Scott, Sheahan, Jacobsen, Dickerson, Regala, Hatfield and Kremen

WHEREAS, One violent crime is committed in America every sixteen seconds; and WHEREAS, With thirty-five million Americans victimized in the United States each year, crime victims are rapidly becoming a majority; and

WHEREAS, Crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice, thus preventing further violence; and

WHEREAS, As a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must plant the seeds of justice to restore and protect crime victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, Harvesting justice over the last two decades has been accomplished in part by the millions of survivors of crime, their families, and advocates whose commitment and spirit has persevered while confronting an increasingly violent nation; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, and the Crime Victims Compensation Program are joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Washington and America to observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives designate the week of April 23 to April 29, 1995, as Washington Crime Victims' Rights Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives reaffirm a commitment to address victims' rights and criminal justice issues during 1995 Washington Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this official Resolution be presented to The Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates on April 19, 1995.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4681 adopted by the House of Representatives April 19, 1995.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk