

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
2000-8790**

*By Senators Costa, Spanel, Franklin, Rasmussen, Fraser, and Snyder*

*WHEREAS, More than 31 million Americans were victimized by crime last year; and  
WHEREAS, Nearly 24,000 violent crimes were committed in Washington in 1998,  
including 220 murders, 2,785 rapes, 6,450 robberies and 14,443 aggravated assaults; and  
WHEREAS, The highest percentage of murder victims in Washington continues to be  
young adults, ages eighteen to twenty-four; and  
WHEREAS, Crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice; and  
WHEREAS, Victims of crime and their families deserve respect, restoration, rehabilitation,  
restitution and justice; and  
WHEREAS, The first Crime Victims Bill of Rights was adopted in 1980; and  
WHEREAS, America now has almost 30,000 federal and state laws relating to the rights  
and interests of crime victims, and more than 10,000 local programs to serve their needs; and  
WHEREAS, Thirty-two states now provide for victims' rights in their state constitutions;  
and  
WHEREAS, Despite this significant progress in providing rights and services to crime  
victims during the past twenty years, large segments of our population including crime victims who  
are elderly, disabled, or living in rural areas are still under served; and  
WHEREAS, Crime does not concentrate in one specific area; it encompasses rape, murder,  
robbery, burglary, theft, violence, stalking, domestic and workplace violence, child abuse,  
vehicular assault, and, more recently, identity theft and cyberstalking; and  
WHEREAS, As a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its  
efforts to protect, restore and expand crime victims' rights and services; and  
WHEREAS, This year's theme, *Victims' Rights 2000: Dare to Dream*,— can inspire  
communities to work to ensure that all crime victims in our state and across the nation receive the  
rights and services they need in order to rebuild their lives;  
NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Washington State Senate, in its  
continued commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs, recognize  
that April 9 to 15, 2000 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8790,  
adopted by the Senate April 4, 2000.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*