# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
## INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS,** More than 33 million Americans from every walk of life are victims of crime each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Victims may suffer emotional, physical, psychological, and financial harm as a result 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; and

**WHEREAS,** There are many government, professional and volunteer agencies throughout Indiana and across the nation that are devoted to helping protect the rights of victims of crime; and

**WHEREAS,** Every citizen victimized by crime in Indiana has the right to fair treatment, the right to participate in the justice process, the right to receive timely information, the right to practical protection from the offender; and

**WHEREAS,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for the Hoosier state to recognize the Victims of Crime Act as a major bedrock of support for victim services and to reaffirm our commitment to addressing the needs of victims of crime;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 26 – May 2, 2009 as

**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord 2009 and of the Independence of the United States 232.*

BY THE GOVERNOR: M E Daniels, Jr.