



## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK 2012

**WHEREAS**, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the physical, emotional and financial impact of crime falls on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial and social backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, today, thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; survivors of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving; and victims of domestic, dating and sexual violence and other crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, now is the time to "Extend the Vision" through a comprehensive strategy for reaching and serving every victim of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice has launched the *Vision 21* initiative to renew our nation's commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21st Century; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to extend that vision to every victim of crime in the United States to help ensure their access to the help they deserve and the rights they are promised; and

**WHEREAS**, Human Response Network is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout America to raise awareness of victims' rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mike Cassinelli, Mayor of the City of Ilwaco, Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22 through 28, 2012, as

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in the City of Ilwaco, Washington, and encourage the community to express their appreciation for those victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force to improve our response to victims of crime and build a more just community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 9th day of April, 2012.

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Mike Cassinelli, Mayor