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National Crime Victims' Rights Week Observed in Kansas

April 10th through the 16th has been proclaimed by Governor Sam Brownback as Kansas Crime Victims' Rights Week. This is a special week to honor crime victims and survivors and to thank those who assist victims each and every day.

This year's theme is Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past, which means never forgetting the impact of crime on its victims and family members and recognizing the impact crime has on each community. Kansas has made great strides in improving its response to crime and efforts continue to shape the future by enforcing victims' rights laws, reaching out to underserved victims and supporting crime victims throughout the state.

The Kansas Department of Corrections Office of Victim Services staff offers assistance to victims of offenders in a Kansas correctional facility or on parole/post-release supervision. This assistance includes, but is not limited to:

- Notification to victims or family members of the victims regarding certain status changes of the offender.
- If a victim or a family member of a victim requests contact or visitation with the offender.
- Discontinuing unwanted contact from an offender.
- Assistance to a victim or family member of a victim who has safety concerns or questions about any offender in KDOC custody.

If there are questions or concerns, please call the KDOC Office of Victim Services toll free at 1-866-404-6732, and for information about additional services provided, you can go online to www.doc.ks.gov/victim-services. For information about statewide events during Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to help victims in your community, please visit the website for the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance at www.kovakansas.org.

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