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### *Cumberland County Proclaims Victims' Rights Week*

**Cumberland County, Pennsylvania**– Cumberland County Board of Commissioners have proclaimed April 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> as Victims' Rights Week. Cumberland County Victim Services, a division of the District Attorney's Office, will be participating in this national initiative in an effort to promote victims' rights, honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week will follow the theme "Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope." This theme presents the opportunity to highlight the importance of providing needed services at the earliest stage of victimization. Early intervention helps prevent both further victimization and involvement in the criminal justice system, thus addressing the cycle of violence and restoring hope for the future.

As part of Victims' Rights Week, Cumberland County Victim Services will host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Victims' Rights Rally and One Mile Walk on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This event recognizes the progress made in victims' rights by honoring victim services volunteers, law enforcement and community members who advocate for victims of crimes. The event includes awards and guest speakers and a walk through Carlisle in an effort to raise awareness throughout the community. The event begins at 6:00 pm in front of the Old Courthouse and the public is welcome to attend.

The Cumberland County Victim Services Division of the District Attorney's Office was established to assist victims and witnesses of crime during their involvement with the criminal justice system. Additionally, the office strives to help victims recover from the physical, emotional, and financial impact of the crime. It is the goal of the program to ensure that victims' rights are met and all concerns and needs are addressed. For more information on this division visit [www.ccpa.net/131/Victim-Services-Division](http://www.ccpa.net/131/Victim-Services-Division).

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