

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF CASA GRANDE
MAYOR ROBERT M. JACKSON**



WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers;

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting physical, emotional, or financial impact on people of all ages and abilities, and of all economic, racial, and social backgrounds;

WHEREAS, in addition to these challenges, crime victims face a criminal justice system that, at times, ignores their rights and treats them with disrespect;

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;

WHEREAS, the nation heeded this call to action and promoted victims' rights initiatives, effective and compassionate victim services, and just compensation and financial support;

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 crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes;

WHEREAS, the victim assistance community faces new challenges to reach and serve all victims, including victims of new crimes like cybercrime and terrorism and victims who have not always trusted the criminal justice system, including immigrants victims, urban youth, and victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender;

WHEREAS, now is the time to embrace new solutions that involve new partnerships with underserved communities and a greater emphasis on learning what works in meeting victims' needs;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has launched the *Vision 21* initiative, calls for a renewed commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21st Century;

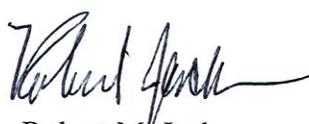
WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21 – 27, 2013, provides an opportunity to celebrate the energy, creativity, and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

WHEREAS, City of Casa Grande is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the City of Casa Grande, Pinal County and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Casa Grande, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 21 – 27, 2013**, as "**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**" And reaffirm the commitment of the City of Casa Grande to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during **Crime Victims' Rights Week** and throughout the year; and Express our 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, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Casa Grande, Arizona.

Done at City Hall of Casa Grande, this 2nd day of April 2013.


Robert M. Jackson
Mayor


Attest: Remilie S. Miller, MMC
City Clerk

