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Office of Justice Programs

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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to present the 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide, developed by the Office for Victims of Crime of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, in partnership with the National Center for Victims of Crime. The materials in this year's Resource Guide are designed to support your efforts to raise awareness, honor the past, and build new partnerships in order to assist even more victims in your community during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 7-13, 2019) and throughout the year. Visit the NCVRW website, [www.ovc.gov/ncvrw2019](http://www.ovc.gov/ncvrw2019), for more information on this year's events and related materials.

This year's theme—Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future.—encourages us to reflect on the past achievements of the tireless and inspirational trailblazers who spearheaded the crime victims movement. We commemorate, honor, and respect the advocates, allied professionals, and selfless volunteers who courageously work to give victims a voice in the criminal justice system and provide much-needed services to survivors in need. Their legacy of commitment, passion, and hope propels us toward a future where meaningful crime victims' rights and justice are a reality. This April, as we are beckoned toward that future, we answer the call together.

Please join us in recognizing NCVRW as an opportunity to renew your commitment to build on the progress of the past and enhance vital victim-centered services. During this season, we champion the resilience of survivors and their courage to persevere.

On behalf of the Office for Victims of Crime, thank you for all your efforts and your steadfast dedication to victims of crime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darlene Hutchinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darlene Hutchinson

Director

Office for Victims of Crime