

## **2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme Video Clip Transcript**

**STEVE TWIST, FOUNDER, ARIZONA VOICE FOR CRIME VICTIMS:** The crime victims' movement arose out of a million cases of injustice.

**LAWANDA HAWKINS, FOUNDER, JUSTICE FOR MURDERED CHILDREN:** Everybody's concerned about the rights of the perpetrator. No one's thinking that victims should have any rights. And we're here—treated with no dignity, no respect.

**STEVE TWIST:** And these stories of injustice arose, and they created a movement that culminated in President Reagan calling for a task force on victims of crime.

**ELYNNE GREENE, MANAGER, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND VICTIM SERVICES, LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Suddenly crime became an issue, but not only was it about crime, but it was addressing the emotional, the physical, and the financial impact.

**ELSIE R. BOUDREAU, YUP'IK, PRESIDENT, ARCTIC WINDS HEALING WINDS:** Believing them is really important. Validating them, you know, "You're not alone." "It wasn't your fault."

**STEVE TWIST:** I think the struggle for victims' rights can give meaning to the work of professionals in the field today.

**SHERIDAN MIYAMOTO, PH.D., DIRECTOR, SAFE-T CENTER, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY:** Multidisciplinary teams coming together, legislators really beginning to care about this issue.

**HERMAN MILLHOLLAND, CONSULTANT, MASS VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM:** It is those partnerships that are key and essential to the recovery of a community.

**STEVE TWIST:** The past gives us every reason to have hope. We would be nowhere without that legacy.

**ELYNNE GREENE:** And we hold on to that just as we continue to support each other and mentor that new group of advocates that are going to carry us into the future.