



**Colorado Justice: Celebrating 42 years of fair
and impartial courts through merit selection**

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**Events planned across Colorado to mark
National Crime Victims' Rights Week
2008 Theme is `Justice for Victims. Justice for All.'**

DENVER – Victims' rights organizations and members of Colorado's trial courts and probation services have planned multiple events across the state to mark National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 13-19, 2008.

In Denver, the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office and other agencies will cosponsor a public ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 14, 2008, in the atrium of the Wellington Webb Municipal Office Building at 201 West Colfax in Denver to honor and remember victims of crime.

Through educational efforts and hard work, the Colorado Judicial Branch has made significant strides in treating victims with fairness, respect and dignity, said Colorado Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey. In Fiscal 2007, the Probation Services Division provided notification or referral services to more than 4,000 crime victims. For those who request the service, the division will notify crime victims of critical stages in probation such as probation revocation, sentence modification and sentence termination. The division also will refer crime victims to support services in their community.

Mullarkey said these efforts and others have imbued the state's courts with a better understanding of the impact of crime, enabling the Colorado Judicial Branch to improve services to affected families and the general public.

“National Crime Victims’ Rights Week reminds us that crime can strike anyone,” Mullarkey said. “Whether it’s a campus shooting, an act of terrorism, an assault or an identity theft, we are all vulnerable to crime. Victims’ rights are everyone’s rights, therefore having access to reliable and current information within the criminal justice system is critical to building public awareness about and support for crime victim issues.”

The theme of this year’s National Crime Victims’ Rights week is “Justice for Victims. Justice for All.”

“I urge everyone to reach out and help us to support crime victims. You never know if you or a loved one will be affected by crime. Unfortunately, many already have been.” said Jalice Vigil-Kelly, Victim Services Coordinator for the Colorado Division of Probation Services.

For more information regarding statewide activities, please visit

<http://www.coloradocrimevictims.org>.