

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Message on National Crime Victims Week

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This National Crime Victims Week, my administration reaffirms our unwavering support for every American who has suffered at the hands of violent criminals. Their stories strengthen my resolve to seek swift and unrelenting justice for those who harm our citizens and to uphold law and order across every corner of our Nation.

Since returning to office, I have worked every day to fulfill my promise to the American people to restore public safety. I immediately took action to secure the border and end the invasion of criminal illegal aliens into our country. I deployed Federal resources to secure America's most dangerous cities to make them safe and beautiful again, because to truly live in the land of the free, you cannot live in fear in your own neighborhood. I also signed the "One Big Beautiful Bill" into law, which bolsters the funding, resources, and manpower of our Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers to further empower them to arrest and deport illegal criminals.

As a direct result of these decisive actions, America is safer, stronger, and more secure than ever before. In just 1 year, the murder rate in our Nation's biggest cities has fallen to its lowest level in more than a century. We have seen dramatic reductions in rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, shooting deaths, on-duty law enforcement officer deaths, traffic fatalities, and overdose deaths. For the 10th straight month, zero illegal aliens have been released into our country, and thousands of rapists, murderers, and human traffickers have been deported.

With violent criminals no longer running rampant in our streets, neighborhoods are rising in value, businesses are opening their doors without worry of theft or vandalism, and families once again feel free to enjoy their own communities. Citizens are thriving, criminals are facing justice, and cities once ravaged by crime and despair are now experiencing unprecedented levels of prosperity and success.

This week, we stand with every victim, every survivor, every grieving family, and every community that has suffered the devastating effects of violent crime. We remain committed to restoring safety in every community and protecting our citizens. And we will never waver in our mission of ensuring that justice is delivered, law and order prevail, and every American can lead a life of safety and freedom.

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