

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

National Crime Victims' Rights Week ~ April 8 - 14, 2018 & Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, 25 million individuals in the United States are victims of crime each year, including over 6 million victims of violent crime and 207,754 from sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, a just society acknowledges the impact of these crimes on individuals, families, and communities and helps to ensure that tools, information and services are available for underserved segments of the affected population: Victims who are children, teenagers, elderly, disabled, mentally ill, urban and rural dwellers and multi-cultural communities; and

WHEREAS, although our Nation has steadily expanded rights, protections, and services for victims of crime, too many are still not able to realize the hope and promise of these gains; and

WHEREAS, observing victims' rights and treating victims with dignity and respect serves the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) is committed to uniting agencies engaged in eliminating all forms of sexual violence through education, advocacy, victim services and community action across the state; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week has challenged the nation to extend its vision of crime victims' rights and services to reach every victim of crime.

*Now, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, commend the important and outstanding work done by individuals and organizations that support public awareness of rights, needs and concerns of victims and victim services, and do hereby proclaim the month of April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and **April 8th through April 14th, 2018 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.***

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 12th day of April, 2018.

Don Jensen, Mayor