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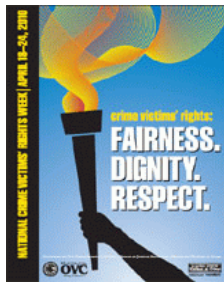
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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### National Crime Victims' Rights Week – April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**“Fairness. Dignity. Respect.”**

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department joins national commemoration of 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Throughout the week, crime victims and survivors, as well as those who serve them, will join together across America to promote victims' rights and to honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf.



This year's theme – “Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.” – evokes powerful memories of a time when victim compensation and support services were not available to those harmed by crime. In the not so distant past, victims were being routinely excluded from courtrooms and blamed for their victimization, realities that unfortunately still exist for far too many victims. Victims and advocates demanded fairness, dignity, and respect, and the time has come to acknowledge the progress made toward realizing these ideals.

Members of our community are encouraged to promote “Crime Victims' Rights: Fairness. Dignity. Respect.” by joining victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

A Crime Victims' Candlelight Vigil sponsored by the Office of the District Attorney General, Seventh Judicial District, and District Attorney General Dave Clark, will be held on **Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm**, at the Family Life Center, First Baptist Church on North Main Street in Downtown Clinton.

**For more information, contact the District Attorney General's Office at 865-457-5640.**

Office for Victims of Crime: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)

**Sheriff Paul White**