

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Davie continues to make strides in reducing the crime rate, we must remember that there are still far too many victims of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, those who have suffered a violation of their person, property or trust deserve to be treated with dignity and respect by our criminal and juvenile justice systems and by society at-large; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that our response to crime victims plays an important role in their efforts to rebuild their lives following the offense. Let all of us, policy makers, those in the criminal justice system, counselors, clergy members, and members of the general public do what we can to bring honor to victims, responding to crime victims compassionately and respectfully; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Davie has adopted laws to protect the rights of victims of crime and provide them certain essential services, all of us must do what we can to adhere not only to the letter of victims' rights laws but the spirit of those laws as well; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie, hereby proclaim the week of April 21 – 27, 2002 as;

**CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of April, 2002.

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**Harry Venis, Mayor**