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**Orange County will host Crime Victims' Vigil on April 4th at Town of
Deerpark Senior Center**

Event being held during National Crime Victims' Week, which runs through April 8

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus and District Attorney David Hoovler announced on Thursday that the 2017 Orange County Crime Victims' Vigil will be held on April 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Deerpark Senior Center, located at 420 Route 209 in Huguenot.

The event coincides with National Crime Victims' Week, which runs from April 2-8. This year's theme of "Strength. Resilience. Justice." reflects a vision for the future in which all victims are strengthened by the support they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing.

"This vigil serves as an opportunity to show support and compassion for crime victims and their families," Neuhaus said. "This powerful event provides them with a voice and we will continue to advocate for these men and women. I would like to thank the Orange County Crime Victims Assistance Program for putting this important community event together."

The vigil's program will include guest speakers and a tree-planting ceremony, which represents the strong foundation of support that exists for victims and their families in Orange County.

"I want to thank the Town of Deerpark for hosting this important community event," Hoovler said. "This vigil is about honoring crime victims and their

families. We want them to know that they are not alone, that their community cares about them and that my office will remain vigilant when it comes to prosecuting violent crimes in Orange County.”

Added Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois: “When reading or listening to news, most people don’t think of the family and friends of someone victimized by crime. Orange County does remember those victims and survivors, their family and friends. The Sheriff’s Office is committed every year to show respect and remembrance to all those affected by crime.”

The Orange County Crime Victims Assistance Program is dedicated to addressing the social, emotional and financial needs of crime victims and their immediate families, helping them with a variety of services and the filing of compensation claims with the New York State Office of Victims Services. The Orange County Crime Victim Coalition is comprised of the Orange County Crime Victims Assistance Program, Fox Hill and Bellvale Communities, Mental Health Association of Orange County-Rape Crisis, Orange County District Attorney’s Office, Orange County Police Chief’s Association, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orange County STOP-DWI, the State Police and Safe Homes of Orange County.

Those wishing to participate in the Crime Victims’ Vigil are advised that some content may not be appropriate for younger children. Crisis counselors will be available throughout the ceremony. Photographs of loved ones may be brought for display and a roll call of crime victims will be held during the ceremony. Anyone that wants to add a name to the tribute may consult with a crime victim counselor before the ceremony.

For more information, contact Justin Rodriguez, Assistant to the County Executive for Communications and Media Relations at 845.291.3255 or jrodriguez@orangecountygov.com.

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We welcome all persons interested in Crime Victims' Rights. Reservations are not necessary. Ceremonies will be held regardless of weather.

Directions

From Interstate 84: Go West on Rt. 84 to Exit #1 Port Jervis. Turn left on ramp. Follow Rt. 6 West through town 1.6 miles. Turn Right onto Rt. 209N (Kingston Avenue). Follow Rt. 209 4.2 miles to Senior Center next to Town Hall. Center is on Rt. 209

From Rt. 17: Take Wurtsboro Exit 113. Take 209 (toward Port Jervis) South for 12.6 miles to Senior Center next to Town Hall. Center is on Rt. 209

Special Thanks to Steven M. Neuhaus

Orange County Executive



Coalition Members:

Orange County Crime Victims Assistance Program
Fox Hill and Bellvale Communities
MHA of Orange County Rape Crisis
Orange County District Attorney's Office
Orange County Police Chiefs' Association
Orange County Sheriff's Office
Orange County STOP-DWI Program
Safe Homes of Orange County

Founded by MADD of Orange County in 1994
Patricia Bodnar, Dimitrios & Tamara Lambros

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A TREE BLESSING AND DEDICATION AND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME, THEIR FAMILIES, SUPPORTERS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**"STRENGTH-RESILIENCE-JUSTICE"
TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2017**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
6 PM: TREE BLESSING
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL—TO FOLLOW
(GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM)

LOCATED AT:
**TOWN OF DEER PARK SENIOR
CENTER
420 US RT. 209
HUGUENOT, NY 12746**

*****Photographs of loved ones may be brought for display at the ceremony*****

VICTIM ROLL CALL

(Victims' names may be submitted for the roll call upon arrival)

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW THE VIGIL

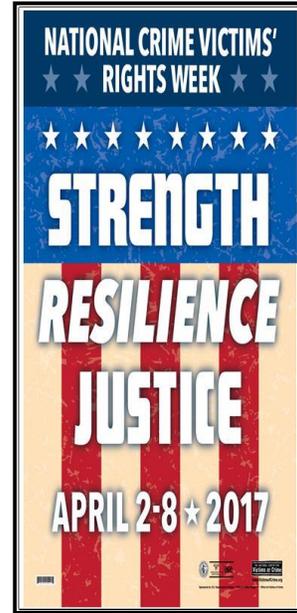
CRISIS COUNSELORS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CEREMONY.

****PARENTAL ADVISORY**** SPEECH CONTENT MAY **NOT** BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

For Further Information contact:

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ORANGE COUNTY CRIME
VICTIMS' VIGIL

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH,
2017**