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3 Proposed No.: 90-385

4 MOTION NO. 7907

5 A MOTION in which King County joins the
6 observance of National Victim Rights
7 Week by proclaiming April 22nd - April
8 28th to be Victim Rights Week in King
9 County.

10 WHEREAS, on the national level, with only 37 percent of
11 crimes reported to law enforcement officials, there are over 35
12 million victims of crime each year, including 6 million victims
13 of violent crimes, and

14 WHEREAS, public awareness and education is a vital factor in
15 gaining the cooperation and support of victims rights, and

16 WHEREAS, during 1989, over 1800 arrests were made in King
17 County relating to family violence, an increase of 25% over 1988,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, King County officials believe the safety of the
20 citizens' person and property is the most important priority of
21 county government, designating \$151.3 million of the county
22 budget for law, safety and justice, and

23 WHEREAS, King County has taken a leadership role in planning
24 regional law enforcement with neighboring counties, since crime
25 and criminals do not acknowledge county lines of jurisdiction,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, King County was among the first to utilize
28 technologically advanced methods of apprehending criminals, such
29 as the Automated Fingerprinting Identification System (AFIS), and
30 DNA Identification, which uses a bank of blood samples to
31 identify suspects who have committed violent crimes, and
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WHEREAS, King County wishes to acknowledge and thank the many
concerned citizens groups and individuals who have been
instrumental in bringing the issues of victims' rights to the
attention of government officials at all levels and to
congratulate them for their support, which was of great
significance in the passage of the sexual predator bill, as
recommended by the Governor's Task Force on Community Protection
this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
The week of April 22-28 is hereby proclaimed VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK
IN KING COUNTY.

PASSED this 23rd day of April, 1990.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Pitzer
Clerk of the Council

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