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4 HR\_\_\_\_\_ RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 24, 2026, AS CRIME SURVIVORS  
5 SPEAK ALABAMA DAY.  
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7 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2026, more than 250 Alabama  
8 crime victims and survivors representing the Crime Survivors  
9 Speak Alabama Chapter will travel to the Alabama State  
10 Capitol in Montgomery for Survivors Speak Alabama 2026; and

11 WHEREAS, these victims and survivors are gathering to  
12 heal together, share their stories, and advocate for change;  
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14 WHEREAS, Survivors Speak Alabama 2026 is organized by  
15 Crime Survivors Speak and Just Safe; and

16 WHEREAS, crime and violence can harm any individual  
17 or community, regardless of age, national origin, race,  
18 creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or economic  
19 status; and

20 WHEREAS, there is a need for the State of Alabama to  
21 invest in additional programs that assist crime survivors  
22 and their families in effectively addressing the inherent  
23 trauma and residual effects of violence; and

24 WHEREAS, Alabama must invest in trauma recovery  
25 centers, which play a critical role and serve as essential  
26 wraparound resources for victims and survivors impacted by  
27 crime; and

28 WHEREAS, Alabama must address the immediate safety



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concerns facing families and invest in a long-term, comprehensive plan to address the root causes of violence; and

WHEREAS, the voices and experiences of victims and survivors have too often been ignored, and current systems frequently fail to meet the needs of those from communities most impacted by violence; and

WHEREAS, most victims and crime survivors do not receive the help they need; and

WHEREAS, only eight percent of all survivors of violence receive direct assistance from a victim service agency; this percentage drops to four percent when the crime is unreported, which is the case for more than half of all violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, crime survivors understand the existing gaps in recovery and how to bridge them; and

WHEREAS, crime survivors seek a system of justice and safety that prioritizes prevention, rehabilitation, and trauma recovery; and

WHEREAS, through their experiences, victims and crime survivors are uniquely qualified to provide essential input and influence in discussions of public safety, victim services, and criminal justice policy; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we recognize February 24, 2026, as Crime Survivors Speak Alabama Day, and we commend the advocates, organizations, and survivors of the Crime



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56 Survivors Speak Alabama Chapter for their work to support  
57 victims, prevent violence, and help communities heal.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
59 resolution be presented to Crime Survivors Speak and Just  
60 Safe.