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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS PENNSYLVANIA VICTIMS' RIGHTS ADVOCATE FOR EFFORTS TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice today recognized Diane Moyer with the Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award during the annual National Crime Victims' Service Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The award goes to individuals whose leadership, vision and innovation have led to significant changes in public policy and practice that benefit crime victims.

While Moyer was Legal Director of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, she worked to increase penalties for drug-induced rape, to extend the civil statute of limitations for child victims, to create a standardized rape kit for the commonwealth, to establish a statewide plan for the community supervision of sex offenders, and to develop and implement a protective order for rape victims. Moyer is currently a faculty member of AEquitas, a national prosecutor training institute, where she instructs prosecutors nationwide on the handling of non-stranger rape cases.

“As an advocate and a nationally recognized trainer and policy expert, Ms. Moyer has worked tirelessly to open legal avenues for victims of rape and sexual abuse,” said Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Alan R. Hanson. “The Department of Justice is proud to honor her for her outstanding service and for her unflinching pursuit of justice on behalf of the injured and aggrieved.”

During the ceremony, the Justice Department also recognized 11 other individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Awardees were selected from public nominations in nine categories, including federal service, special courage, public policy and victim services.

The Department's Office for Victims of Crime leads communities across the country in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Victims' Rights Week in 1981, calling for greater sensitivity to the rights and needs of victims. This year's observance takes place April 2-8, with the theme *Strength. Resilience. Justice.*

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice

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