



**STATEMENT BY TIM CERIO,
FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSIONER**

~Regarding the passage of CRC Proposal 96 (Marsy's Law for Florida) on the floor~

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TALLAHASSEE – Following the passage of Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) Proposal 96 on the floor, Commissioner Tim Cerio, Proposal 96 sponsor, issued the following statement:

“I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Constitution Revision Commissioners for their support of Proposal 96, Marsy’s Law for Florida, during today’s floor vote. After spending the past two months traveling the state of Florida for the CRC’s public hearings, we heard somber stories from countless crime victims and victims’ advocates about the pain victims and their families endure in the criminal justice system. Florida voters have made it overwhelmingly clear they want the chance to vote for victims’ rights laws on the 2018 ballot, and now we are one step closer to giving Floridians a voice on this important policy decision.

I am especially grateful for our Proposal 96 co-sponsors, Commissioners Patricia Levesque, Darlene Jordan, Fred Karlinsky, Rep. Jeanette Nuñez, Brecht Heuchan, Belinda Keiser, Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch and Sen. Darryl Rouson, for their unwavering dedication to bringing balance to Florida’s criminal justice system through Marsy’s Law for Florida.”

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About Marsy’s Law

Marsy’s Law is named after Marsalee “Marsy” Nicholas of California who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. Only one week after her death, Marsy’s mother and brother, Henry T. Nicholas, walked into a grocery store where they were confronted by the accused murderer. The family, who had just come from a visit to Marsy’s grave, was unaware that the accused had been released on bail. In an effort to honor his sister, Dr. Nicholas, co-founder of Broadcom Corporation, has made it his mission to give victims and their families constitutional protections and equal rights. He formed Marsy’s Law for All in 2009, providing expertise and resources to victims’ rights organizations nationwide.