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Joint Resolution

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To designate the week of April 6, 1986, through April 12, 1986, as "World Health Week", and to designate April 7, 1986, as "World Health Day".

Whereas the health of a nation depends upon the health of its people;

Whereas improvement of the health of the people of our Nation contributes to world health, and world health contributes to the health of our Nation—a principle enunciated in the Constitution of the World Health Organization and accepted by the United States;

Whereas the United States is an active member of the World Health Organization and has both benefited from and contributed to the achievements of the Organization;

Whereas the countries of the world, acting through the World Health Organization, are committed to the goal of "Health for All by the Year 2000";

Whereas primary health care is recognized as a key to the attainment of "Health for All by the Year 2000";

Whereas health education and health awareness, prevention, and treatment of common diseases and illnesses, basic sanitation, and adequate nutrition are essential elements of primary health care;

Whereas the World Health Organization has established April 7 of each year as World Health Day to call attention to what individuals and governments can do to further the health of human beings everywhere, and the American Association of World Health has sponsored and assisted in this endeavor; and

Whereas it has been the custom for the President to call attention to World Health Day each year in the form of a public message: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of April 6, 1986, through April 12, 1986, is designated as "World Health Week" and April 7, 1986, is designated as "World Health Day" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved March 27, 1986.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 226:

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