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Designating the week of April 19, 1987, through April 25, 1987, as "National Minority Cancer Awareness Week".

Whereas the month of April each year is designated as National Cancer Month for the purpose of promoting increased awareness of the causes, types, and treatments of cancer;

Whereas the National Cancer Institute has recognized that significant differences exist in the incidence of cancer and survival rates for cancer patients between minority and economically disadvantaged communities in the United States and the population in general;

Whereas increased awareness of the causes of cancer and available treatments will help reduce cancer rates among minorities and the economically disadvantaged through preventive measures and will improve survival rates for cancer patients through early diagnosis;

Whereas a comprehensive national approach is needed to increase awareness about cancer among minorities and economically disadvantaged persons, and to encourage health care professionals, researchers, and policy makers to develop solutions to the cancer-related problems unique to these communities; and

Whereas focusing public attention on cancer in minority and economically disadvantaged communities during one week so designated will have a positive impact on preventive health care and treatment in these communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of April 19, 1987, through April 25, 1987, is designated as "National Minority Cancer Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and all Federal, State, and local government officials to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.

Approved April 21, 1987.

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