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Joint Resolution

Aug. 18, 1987
[S.J. Res. 44]

To designate November 1987, as "National Diabetes Month".

Whereas diabetes is the third leading cause of death, killing more than all other diseases except cancer and cardiovascular diseases;
Whereas diabetes afflicts 11 million Americans and over five million of these individuals are not aware of their illness;
Whereas nearly $14,000,000,000 annually are spent on health care costs, disability payments and premature mortality costs due to diabetes;
Whereas up to 85 per centum of all cases of non-insulin dependent diabetes may be preventable through greater public understanding, awareness, and education;
Whereas diabetes is particularly prevalent among black, Hispanic, and Native Americans, and women;
Whereas diabetes is the number one cause of new blindness in people between the ages of twenty and seventy-four, and is a leading cause of kidney disease, heart disease, strokes, birth defects, and lower life expectancy, the severity of which all may be reduced through greater patient and public understanding, awareness, and education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of November 1987 is designated as "National Diabetes Month" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved August 18, 1987.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 44:

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