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# 100th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate the week beginning on November 2, 1987, and ending on November 8, 1987, as "National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week".

Oct. 28, 1987
[S.J. Res. 198]

Whereas Tourette syndrome is a neurological disorder which occurs in children between the ages of 2 and 16 and lasts for the remainder of the life of each afflicted child;

Whereas Tourette syndrome is characterized by repeated tic movements and involuntary vocalizations which are physically debilitating, socially crippling, and emotionally devastating;

Whereas an estimated 100,000 Americans currently suffer from Tourette syndrome and an additional 3,500,000 Americans suffer from less severe forms of this affliction;

Whereas the lack of knowledge about this disorder on the part of health professionals and the public causes additional hardships for those afflicted with Tourette syndrome;

Whereas greater public understanding of Tourette syndrome will encourage those persons currently diagnosed as suffering from this disorder, and nurture hope for those who are suffering from the disorder but whose afflictions have not been diagnosed or have been diagnosed incorrectly; and

Whereas thousands of caring volunteers and the families of persons afflicted with Tourette syndrome have devoted much time and energy to educate health professionals and the public about this disorder: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the week beginning on November 2, 1987, and ending on November 8, 1987, is designated as "National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon Federal, State, and local government agencies, interest groups and organizations, and all of the people of the United States to observe such week by engaging in appropriate activities and programs to show their support and concern for those Americans afflicted with Tourette syndrome.

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