

Public Law 100-263  
100th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the period commencing on May 9, 1988, and ending on May 15, 1988, as  
“National Stuttering Awareness Week”.

Mar. 24, 1988  
[S.J. Res. 125]

Whereas stuttering occurs when the natural flow of speech is interrupted, such as with the inability to produce certain sounds, or when an initial sound, word, or phrase is repeated;

Whereas over 3,000,000 Americans, both children and adults, suffer from this handicap;

Whereas there is a tendency for stuttering to be an inherited trait which can often be traced through family genealogy;

Whereas men have been found to be four times as likely as women to have this disorder, the same male to female ratio as with some learning disorders;

Whereas it should be recognized that although there is no known cure for stuttering, there is help available, and that available help should be emphasized; and

Whereas there has been no national recognition of the condition known as stuttering, and the public and Federal Government are not sufficiently aware of the frustration and anxiety felt by persons who stutter and the diminished self-respect and self-esteem which follows: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the period commencing on May 9, 1988, and ending on May 15, 1988, is designated as “National Stuttering Awareness Week”, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such period with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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