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Joint Resolution

To designate November 1989 as "National Diabetes Month".

Nov. 9, 1989
[S.J. Res. 131]

Whereas diabetes is a leading cause of death by disease in the United States;

Whereas diabetes affects over eleven million Americans, of whom almost six million are not aware of their illness;

Whereas diabetes costs the Nation $20,400,000,000 annually in health care costs, disability payments, and increased mortality due to diabetes;

Whereas up to 85 per centum of all cases of noninsulin dependent diabetes may be prevented through greater public understanding, awareness, and education;

Whereas diabetes is particularly prevalent among black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and women; and

Whereas diabetes is a leading cause of new blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, strokes, birth defects, and foot and leg amputations, all of which can be reduced by better public understanding and awareness of diabetes: 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 1989 is designated as "National Diabetes Month". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 9, 1989.

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