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Designating November 12 through 18, 1989, as "Community Foundation Week".

Whereas the citizens of the United States have a strong tradition of contributing generously to the well-being of their communities and the Nation;

Whereas community foundations are tax-exempt organizations formed to attract endowment funds and to distribute foundation earnings to further the well-being of their communities;

Whereas these earnings are distributed by volunteer boards of directors who are knowledgeable of their communities' needs in areas such as education, arts and culture, social services, economic development, health, the environment, and civic affairs;

Whereas community foundations augment the effectiveness of public and other private services by providing essential coordination to these efforts, and address community needs by providing leadership and resources on a permanent basis;

Whereas community foundations are in their 75th year of existence in the United States, and are the fastest growing form of philanthropy today;

Whereas there are now more than 300 community foundations in the United States with total assets of over $4,750,000,000; and

Whereas the Nation's citizens who generously support philanthropic and charitable organizations should be highly commended and encouraged to increase and perpetuate private voluntary contributions to community foundations: 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 November 12 through 18, 1989, is designated as "Community Foundation Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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