# Public Law 101-251
# 101st Congress

## Joint Resolution

Mar. 13, 1990
[S.J. Res. 227]

To designate March 11 through March 17, 1990, as "Deaf Awareness Week".

Whereas during the second week of March 1988, a revolutionary sequence of historic social events evolved on the campus of Gallaudet University, the only university in the Nation which teaches exclusively deaf and hard of hearing students;

Whereas the events which occurred at Gallaudet University in the Spring of 1988 had great significance to all Americans, especially those who are deaf or hard of hearing;

Whereas the week long social protest at Gallaudet University awakened the people of nations around the world to the fact that deaf and hard of hearing individuals are able to achieve at the same level as others and need to be recognized as individuals with unique abilities and qualities; and

Whereas the week long social protest at Gallaudet University served to educate and sensitize the American people concerning the hopes and dreams of the twenty-four million Americans who are deaf or hard of hearing: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That March 11 through March 17, 1990, is designated as "Deaf Awareness Week". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this week by remembering the significance of the historic social movement, which began in March 1988 at Gallaudet University, through appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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