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Joint Resolution

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Authorizing the President to proclaim the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week".

Whereas native American people, both on and off the reservations, are receiving too little recognition for their contributions to society;
Whereas to the extent there has been oppression of all Indian tribes and people, many non-Indians have lost or have never fully understood the true image of the native American;
Whereas there is a strong and renewed interest in the self-preservation of all aspects of Indian culture and heritage;
Whereas there is urgency to promote a unified effort of all for the common good, and to bring about a more wholesome relationship among native Americans;
Whereas the native American population is working for a better future, for a revival of participation in the tribal affairs, and for a revival of moral support for the tribal councils;
Whereas the opportunity exists for an improved understanding regarding how the peoples' needs and desires are reflected in the programs and policies of the tribal governments and Federal agencies;
Whereas the native American communities are voicing greater self-expression and exposure of their values to surrounding communities, and are taking a more active role in the use and development of their skills and resources;
Whereas the native American people made significant historical contributions to the welfare and survival of early pioneers and explorers who ultimately founded the Republic of the United States of America: Now, therefore be it

Native American Awareness Week. Designation authorization.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation designating the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week", and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 14, 1976.

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