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Joint Resolution

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To designate October 7, 1978, as "National Guard Day".

Whereas several units of the militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony were organized on October 7, 1636, as the First Militia Regiment and became the forerunner of the National Guard of the United States;

Whereas the National Guard has served with distinction, during the three hundred and forty-two years since 1636, in every major military conflict involving the United States, from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam conflict;

Whereas the National Guard currently consists of nearly four hundred and fifty thousand volunteer soldiers and airmen, organized into nearly four thousand military units located in the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, and forms the Reserve Military Force that supports the Regular Army and Air Force; and

Whereas the people of the United States owe a debt of gratitude to those citizen soldiers and airmen who are members of the National Guard for their continuing contribution to the security of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

National Guard Day. Designation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation declaring October 7, 1978, as "National Guard Day", and calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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