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Joint Resolution

To declare May 18, 1979 to be "National Museum Day".

May 18, 1979
[H.J. Res. 262]

Whereas museums hold in trust for future generations a substantial part of humankind's material patrimony produced and preserved by the skill of our ancestors and our contemporaries; and

Whereas museums encourage curiosity in the very young, offer enlightenment and education to the student, and provide a continuing source of enjoyment and cultural enrichment for all; and

Whereas museums are centers of research for scholars and contribute significantly to our knowledge of history, science, and the arts; and

Whereas museums enhance the quality of life in our communities and provide a sense of continuity and perspective which reinforces the cultural opportunities offered by schools, colleges, universities, libraries, and other institutions of learning; and

Whereas the museums of our Nation deserve recognition for their contribution to the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the United States and to the furtherance of understanding concerning the peoples of the United States and the peoples of other countries in the past, present, and future: Now, therefore, be it

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 designating May 18, 1979, as "National Museum Day" and calling upon the people of the United States, State and local government agencies, and interested organizations to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

National Museum Day. Designation authorization.

Approved May 18, 1979.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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May 15, considered and passed House.
May 16, S.J. Res. 62 considered and passed Senate; passage vitiated and H.J. Res. 262 passed in lieu.

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