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96th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating April 6 through 12, 1980, "National Medic Alert Week".

Mar. 11, 1980
[H.J. Res. 434]

Whereas approximately forty million Americans, nearly one-fifth of our Nation's population, are afflicted with diabetes, heart conditions, epilepsy, allergies, or other medical problems the symptoms of which, in emergency situations, are difficult to detect or are not readily associated with such medical problems; and

Whereas many such Americans suffer avoidable injury or death each year because of the delay which is frequently involved in the proper diagnosis and treatment of such hidden medical problems in emergency situations; and

Whereas special emergency identification and information services are available which are designed with the needs of victims of such hidden medical conditions specifically in mind; and

Whereas these emergency identification and information systems have been credited with saving the lives of more than two thousand people afflicted by hidden medical conditions each year: 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 April 6 through 12, 1980, "National Medic Alert Week", and calling upon the people of the United States and upon interested associations and organizations to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Medic Alert Week. Designation authorization.

Approved March 11, 1980.

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