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Joint Resolution

Nov. 29, 1983
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To designate the week beginning May 27, 1984, as "National Tourism Week".

Whereas tourism is vital to the United States, contributing to its economic prosperity, employment, and international balance of payments;

Whereas travelers from the United States and other countries spent $191,000,000,000 in the United States during 1981, directly producing four million six hundred thousand jobs, $40,000,000,000 in wages and salaries, and $18,000,000,000 in Federal, State, and local tax revenues;

Whereas, if viewed as a single retail industry, the travel and tourism sector of the economy constituted the second largest retail industry in the United States in 1981, as measured by business receipts;

Whereas tourism contributes substantially both to personal growth, health, and education, and to intercultural appreciation of the geography, history, and people of the United States;

Whereas tourism enhances international understanding and good will; and

Whereas, as incomes and leisure time continue to increase, tourism will become an increasingly important aspect of the daily lives of the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

National Tourism Week.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning May 27, 1984, hereby is designated "National Tourism Week", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 29, 1983.

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