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Joint Resolution

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To designate the week beginning on May 19, 1985, as "National Tourism Week".

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

Whereas travelers from the United States and other countries spent $255,000,000,000 in the United States during 1982, directly producing four million five hundred thousand jobs, $41,000,000,000 in wages and salaries, and over $20,000,000,000 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 1982, as measured by business receipts;

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

Whereas tourism enhances international understanding and good will; and

Whereas, as people throughout the world become more aware of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources available across the United States, travel and tourism will become an increasingly important aspect of the daily lives of the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning on May 19, 1985, hereby is designated as "National Tourism Week", and the President 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 September 25, 1984.

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