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## Joint Resolution

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Designating the week beginning on May 6, 1984, as "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Week".

Whereas asthma and allergic diseases result in physical, emotional, and economic hardship for more than thirty-five million Americans and their families;

Whereas thousands of Americans, many of them young, die each year from asthma even though sufficient medical knowledge and resources exist to prevent many asthma-related deaths;

Whereas student absenteeism is due in significant part to asthma and allergic diseases;

Whereas environmental conditions in the workplace often cause or exacerbate asthma and allergic diseases among employees;

Whereas many hospital patients suffer allergic reactions to prescribed medications;

Whereas it is estimated that the American public pays $2,000,000,000 per year in medical bills directly attributable to the treatment and diagnosis of asthma and allergic diseases and pays another $2,000,000,000 per year as a result of the indirect social cost of such illnesses;

Whereas, because of recent developments in the study of immunology, health care providers are better equipped to diagnose and treat asthma and allergic diseases; and

Whereas increased public awareness of recent scientific advancements in the study of immunology will help dispel many of the common misconceptions concerning asthma, allergic diseases, and the victims of those illnesses: 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 6, 1984, is hereby designated as "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness 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 May 11, 1984.

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