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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 299]

To designate November 1984, as National Diabetes Month.

Whereas diabetes kills more than all other diseases except cancer and cardiovascular diseases;

Whereas eleven million Americans suffer from diabetes and five million seven hundred thousand of such Americans are not aware of their illness;

Whereas $10,100,000,000 annually are used for health care costs, disability payments, and premature mortality costs due to diabetes;

Whereas up to 85 per centum of all cases of noninsulin-dependent diabetes may be controllable through greater public understanding, awareness, and education; and

Whereas diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, stroke, birth defects, and lower life expectancy, which complications may be reduced through greater patient and public understanding, awareness, and education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of November 1984, is designated as "National Diabetes Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved October 19, 1984.

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