

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 243

Designating the week of October 19, 2003, through October 25, 2003, as  
“National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 15, 2003

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REID, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. THOMAS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week of October 19, 2003, through October 25, 2003, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”.

Whereas lead poisoning is a leading environmental health hazard to children in the United States;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 434,000 preschool children in the United States have harmful levels of lead in their blood;

Whereas lead poisoning may cause serious, long-term harm to children, including reduced intelligence and attention span, behavior problems, learning disabilities, and impaired growth;

Whereas children from low-income families are 8 times more likely to be poisoned by lead than are children from high-income families;

Whereas children may be poisoned by lead in water, soil, or consumable products;

Whereas children most often are poisoned in their homes through exposure to lead particles when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed during home renovation and repainting; and

Whereas lead poisoning crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week of October 19, 2003,  
3       through October 25, 2003, as “National Childhood  
4       Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”; and

5               (2) requests that the President issue a procla-  
6       mation calling upon the people of the United States  
7       to observe the week with appropriate programs and  
8       activities.

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