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## Joint Resolution

Nov. 5, 1988

[S.J. Res. 272]

To designate November, 1988, as "National Diabetes Month".

Whereas diabetes is a leading cause of death by disease in the United States;

Whereas diabetes afflicts 11,000,000 Americans and over 5,000,000 of these individuals are not aware of their illness;

Whereas nearly \$14,000,000,000 annually are spent on health care costs, disability payments, and premature mortality costs due to diabetes;

Whereas up to 85 percent of all cases of non-insulin dependent diabetes may be prevented through greater public understanding, awareness, and education;

Whereas diabetes is particularly prevalent among Black, Hispanic, Native Americans, and women;

Whereas diabetes is the number one cause of new blindness in people between the ages of 20 and 74, and is a leading cause of kidney disease, heart disease, strokes, birth defects, and lower life expectancy, the severity of which all 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, 1988 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 November 5, 1988.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 272:**

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