

Public Law 100-316  
100th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate the period commencing May 8, 1988, and ending on May 14, 1988, as  
"National Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Week".

May 12, 1988  
[S.J. Res. 212]

Whereas tuberous sclerosis (hereinafter referred to in this resolution as "TS") is a genetic disorder affecting as many as 1 in 10,000 Americans;

Whereas TS remains poorly understood and frequently misdiagnosed, even though it is one of the more common genetic disorders;

Whereas TS affects males and females of all races;

Whereas the characteristics of TS include skin markings, seizures, motor difficulties, mental retardation, tumors of the brain and other organs, and behavioral abnormalities;

Whereas in any individual, the disease's severity can range from being mild, when patients can live normal lives, to being extreme, when TS is disabling and may be life threatening;

Whereas although modern research technology has provided information about TS, there remains much to be learned;

Whereas only with continued, extensive research is there any chance of conquering TS; and

Whereas establishing a national TS awareness week would serve to enhance public awareness of TS and stimulate further TS research: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the period commencing May 8, 1988, and ending on May 14, 1988, is designated as "National Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved May 12, 1988.

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