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Whereas geography is the study of people and their planet, offering a framework for understanding ourselves, our interdependence with other peoples, our relationship to the Earth, and world events;

Whereas the United States has both worldwide involvements and influence that demand an understanding of geography, different cultures, and foreign languages;

Whereas a thorough knowledge of geography, different cultures, and foreign languages is essential to maintain the Nation’s stature in the international community in matters of business, politics, the environment, and global events;

Whereas a geographic perspective is needed to understand the relationship between human activity and the condition of our planet in this time of increasing environmental problems;

Whereas our Nation’s Governors, in their National Education Goals, explicitly identified geography along with English, mathematics, science, and history as the 5 core subjects

in which American students should demonstrate competency;

Whereas world standards are being developed as benchmarks for student performance in each of the core subjects identified in the National Education Goals; and

Whereas a knowledge of world geography is essential for citizens of the United States to assume a responsible role in the future of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the week beginning November 14, 1993, and the
4 week beginning November 13, 1994, each be designated
5 as “Geography Awareness Week”, and the President is
6 authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling
7 upon the people of the United States to observe such
8 weeks with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Passed the Senate October 28 (legislative day, October 13), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.