

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. J. RES. 40

Designating August as “National Missing Adult Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2002

Mrs. LINCOLN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Month”.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Resolution may be cited as the “National Miss-
5 ing Adult Awareness Month Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) our Nation must acknowledge that missing
9 adults are a growing group of victims, who range in
10 age from young adults to senior citizens and reach
11 across all lifestyles;

1 (2) every missing adult has the right to be
2 searched for and to be remembered, regardless of
3 the adult's age;

4 (3) our world does not suddenly become a safe
5 haven when an individual becomes an adult;

6 (4) there are tens of thousands of endangered
7 or involuntarily missing adults over the age of 17 in
8 our Nation, and daily, more victims are reported
9 missing;

10 (5) the majority of missing adults are unrecog-
11 nized and unrepresented;

12 (6) our Nation must become aware that there
13 are endangered and involuntarily missing adults,
14 and each one of these individuals is worthy of rec-
15 ognition and deserving of a diligent search and thor-
16 ough investigation;

17 (7) every missing adult is someone's beloved
18 grandparent, parent, child, sibling, or dearest friend;

19 (8) families, law enforcement agencies, commu-
20 nities, and States should unite to offer much needed
21 support and to provide a strong voice for the endan-
22 gered and involuntarily missing adults of our Na-
23 tion;

24 (9) we must support and encourage the citizens
25 of our Nation to continue with efforts to awaken our

1 Nation's awareness to the plight of our missing
2 adults;

3 (10) we must improve and promote reporting
4 procedures involving missing adults and unidentified
5 deceased persons; and

6 (11) our Nation's awareness, acknowledgment,
7 and support of missing adults, and encouragement
8 of efforts to continue our search for these adults,
9 must continue from this day forward.

10 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL MISSING ADULT AWARENESS MONTH.**

11 (a) DESIGNATION.—August is National Missing
12 Adult Awareness Month.

13 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to
14 issue each year a proclamation calling upon the people of
15 the United States to observe the month with appropriate
16 ceremonies and activities.

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