

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 510

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2006

Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LOTT, and Mrs. DOLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the period beginning on June 28, 2006, and ending on July 5, 2006, as “National Clean Beaches Week”, supporting the goals and ideals of that week, and recognizing the considerable value and role of beaches in the culture of the United States.

Whereas, according to the document entitled “Turning to the Sea: America’s Ocean Future”, published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, coastal areas produce 85 percent of all tourism revenue in the United States and beaches are the leading tourism destination in the country;

Whereas beaches provide recreational opportunities for numerous citizens and their families, as well as inter-

national tourists who, according to the document entitled “The Beach and Your Coastal Watershed” (EPA document number 842-F-98-010), published by the Environmental Protection Agency, together make almost 2,000,000,000 trips to the beach each year to fish, sunbathe, boat, swim, surf, and birdwatch;

Whereas, according to the Army Corps of Engineers, the beaches of the United States are a critical component of the national economy, including global competitiveness;

Whereas beaches represent a critical part of the natural heritage and a beautiful part of the landscape of the United States;

Whereas beaches are sensitive ecosystems that are susceptible to degradation and alteration from pollution, sewage, and improper use;

Whereas coastal tourism and healthy seafood foster robust economies that sustain communities and support jobs throughout the coastal regions of the United States;

Whereas members of the Federal Government, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and citizen volunteers have worked hard to clean and protect the beaches of the United States;

Whereas, according to the United States Geological Survey, great progress has been made in understanding the science of watersheds and the connections between inland areas and coastal waters; and

Whereas the Federal Government should develop science-based policies that are commensurate with that knowledge: Now therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) designates the period beginning on June 28,  
2           2006, and ending on July 5, 2006, as “National  
3           Clean Beaches Week”;

4           (2) recognizes—

5                 (A) the value of beaches to the way of life  
6                 of the citizens of the United States; and

7                 (B) the important contributions of beaches  
8                 to the economy, recreation, and natural envi-  
9                 ronment of the United States; and

10           (3) encourages all citizens of the United States  
11           to work to keep beaches, a critical part of the nat-  
12           ural heritage of the United States, safe and clean  
13           for the continued enjoyment of the public.

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