

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 721

Designating the week beginning on October 21, 2018, as “National Chemistry Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2018

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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“National Chemistry Week”.

Whereas chemistry is the science of basic units of matter and, consequently, plays a role in every aspect of human life;

Whereas chemistry has broad applications, including food science, soil science, water quality, energy, sustainability, medicine, and electronics;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to improving the quality of human life and plays an important role in addressing critical global challenges;

Whereas innovations in chemistry continue to spur economic growth and job creation and have applications for a wide range of industries;

Whereas National Chemistry Week is part of a broader vision to improve human life through chemistry and to advance the chemistry enterprise and the practitioners of that enterprise for the benefit of communities and the environment;

Whereas the purpose of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public with educational messages about chemistry in order to foster greater understanding of and appreciation for the applications and benefits of chemistry;

Whereas National Chemistry Week strives to stimulate the interest of young people, including women and underrepresented groups, in enthusiastically studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and in pursuing science-related careers that lead to innovations and major scientific breakthroughs;

Whereas National Chemistry Week highlights many of the everyday uses of chemistry, including in food, dyes and pigments, plastics, soaps and detergents, health products, and energy technologies;

Whereas the theme of the 31st annual National Chemistry Week is “Chemistry is out of this world!”, which highlights the role of chemistry in the study of the chemical compositions of and processes relating to stars, planets, comets, and interstellar media; and

Whereas students who participate in National Chemistry Week deserve recognition and support for their efforts:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning on October

3 21, 2018, as “National Chemistry Week”;

1 (2) supports the goals of and welcomes the par-
2 ticipants in the 31st annual National Chemistry
3 Week;

4 (3) recognizes the need to promote the fields of
5 science, including chemistry, technology, engineering,
6 and mathematics, and to encourage youth to pursue
7 careers in these fields; and

8 (4) commends the American Chemical Society
9 and the partners of that society for organizing and
10 convening events and activities surrounding National
11 Chemistry Week each year.

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