Public Law 96-51
96th Congress
Joint Resolution

Designating the week of October 8 through October 14, 1979, as “National Diabetes Week”.

Whereas diabetes kills more Americans than all other diseases except cancer and cardiovascular diseases; and
Whereas ten million Americans suffer from diabetes and $5,300,000,000 annually are used for health care costs, disability payments, and lost wage costs due to diabetes; and
Whereas a national awareness of the diabetes problem may stimulate interest and concern leading to increased research and eventually a cure for diabetes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of October 8 through October 14, 1979, is designated as “National Diabetes Week”, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.


LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-341 (Comm. on Post Office and Civil Service).
SENATE REPORT No. 96-278 accompanying S.J. Res. 98 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD Vol. 125 (1979):
July 20, considered and passed House.
Aug. 2, S.J. Res. 98, considered and passed Senate; action vitiated and H.J. Res. 209 considered and passed Senate, in lieu.