

Public Law 99-42  
99th Congress

## Joint Resolution

To designate the week of May 20, 1985, through May 26, 1985, as "National Osteoporosis Awareness Week".

May 20, 1985

[S.J. Res. 61]

Whereas fifteen to twenty million persons in the United States are afflicted with osteoporosis, a degenerative bone condition;

Whereas approximately 25 percent of postmenopausal women in the United States develop osteoporosis;

Whereas among those who live to be age ninety, 32 percent of women and 17 percent of men will suffer a hip fracture due mostly to osteoporosis;

Whereas more than fifty thousand older women and many older men die each year in the United States as a result of such complications;

Whereas hip fracture complications related to osteoporosis often result in loss of independence for older persons;

Whereas approximately \$3,800,000,000 is expended annually in the United States for health care costs relating to osteoporosis;

Whereas osteoporosis is associated with the loss of bone tissue by estrogen lack and low calcium intake;

Whereas the majority of men and women are unaware of the condition of osteoporosis; and

Whereas the best treatment for osteoporosis is prevention through education: 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 May 20, 1985, through May 26, 1985, is designated as "National Osteoporosis Awareness Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate activities.

Approved May 20, 1985.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 61:**

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Mar. 28, considered and passed Senate.

May 7, considered and passed House, amended.

May 14, Senate concurred in House amendments.