

Public Law 100-287  
100th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate April 21, 1988, as "John Muir Day".

Apr. 7, 1988  
[S.J. Res. 245]

Whereas April 21, 1988, marks the one hundred and fiftieth birthday of the great American conservationist John Muir, heralded worldwide for his dedication to the preservation of wilderness in this country;

Whereas generations of Americans have reveled in the wonders of Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, and other parklands set aside by past Presidents and Congresses at the urging of the Scottish-born naturalist;

Whereas a system of natural, cultural, historical, and recreational national parks which John Muir helped pioneer has grown in size to almost eighty million acres symbolizing the stewardship Americans demonstrate for their precious public resources;

Whereas John Muir was the cofounder and first president of the Sierra Club, an organization which contributes in making this Nation a leader in the global environmental movement;

Whereas the John Muir National Historic Site, in Martinez, California, one of three hundred and thirty-seven units of the National Park Service, was set aside by Congress in 1964 as a monument to the wild lands crusader and was the site from which Muir wrote books celebrating the natural beauty and wildlife of the United States, books that are still widely read and treasured by people of all ages; and

Whereas the important role of an ecologically sound environment in the quality of life for all people was proselytised by the tireless voice and pen of John Muir: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 21, 1988, is designated as "John Muir Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved April 7, 1988.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 245:

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