

Whereas the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act provides blind and severely handicapped individuals, and the workshops in which they work, with an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to provide quality commodities and services for purchase by the Federal Government;

Whereas the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act provides an opportunity for persons who are blind or who have other severe disabilities to demonstrate their capacity to lead productive and independent lives;

Whereas under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act workshops should, whenever feasible, continue to place their blind and other severely handicapped employees and vocational rehabilitation clients in competitive employment or in training for competitive employment and maintain an ongoing program to assist those employees and vocational rehabilitation clients who are capable of normal competitive employment to obtain jobs in the competitive labor market;

Whereas in addition to hiring persons for direct labor jobs, workshops in the Javits-Wagner-O'Day program should continue and expand their efforts to serve as models of affirmative action by hiring qualified blind and severely handicapped persons for all positions in the work force for which they are qualified, including management and supervisory positions;

Whereas the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped and any central nonprofit agency or agencies designated by the Committee under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act should also continue and expand their efforts to serve as models of affirmative action in hiring qualified blind and severely handicapped persons for all positions, including management and supervisory positions; and

Whereas the Congress reaffirms its support for the continuation and expansion of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act to provide improved work opportunities for blind and severely handicapped employees and vocational rehabilitation clients in all workshops: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, which occurs on June 25, 1988, and calling upon the people of the United States to observe the anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities designed to reaffirm the Act's historical objectives of providing opportunities for productivity and upward mobility to blind and severely handicapped employees.

Agreed to June 21, 1988.

June 23, 1988
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION LAW GUIDEBOOK, 1988—HOUSE PRINT

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the House of Representatives Election Law Guidebook, 1988, shall be printed as a House document. In addition to the usual number, two thousand copies of the document shall be printed for the use of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

Agreed to June 23, 1988.