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To designate October 1991 as "Crime Prevention Month".

- Whereas crime prevention improves the quality of life in every community;
- Whereas crime prevention is a cost-effective answer to the problems caused by crime, drug abuse, and fear of crime;
- Whereas crime prevention is central to a sound criminal justice system at national, State, and local levels;
- Whereas more than 27,000,000 people in the United States are actively engaged in helping their communities to prevent the commission of crimes against persons and property;
- Whereas millions of citizens have demonstrated that, by working together, they can reduce crime, drug abuse, and fear of crime;
- Whereas all people of the United States, from preschoolers to senior citizens, can help themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods to prevent crime and to build safer and more caring environments;
- Whereas an important challenge facing all people and groups in the United States (including individuals, State and local agencies, civic and community groups, religious institutions, schools, businesses, and law enforcement agencies) is to weave methods into daily life that prevent crime and become part of society's norms;
- Whereas it is important to annually honor persons who work throughout society to prevent crime and to build and sustain the Nation's communities; and
- Whereas the National Citizens Crime Prevention Campaign (featuring McGruff the Crime Dog and promoted by the Department of Justice, the National Crime Prevention Council, the Advertising Council, and the Crime Prevention Coalition) promotes diverse partnerships among law enforcement agencies, citizens, businesses, and government to reduce crime and to improve community life throughout the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 1991 is designated as "Crime Prevention Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 17, 1991.

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