

Public Law 102-283  
102d Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating May 10, 1992, as "Infant Mortality Awareness Day".

May 14, 1992

[H.J. Res. 425]

Whereas, in 1989, the infant mortality rate in the United States decreased from 10.0 to 9.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births; Whereas, despite such decrease, nearly 38,000 infants in the United States will die in 1992 before they reach their 1st birthday; Whereas thousands of infants will suffer lifelong disabilities resulting from low birthweight and other complications; Whereas thousands of pregnant women, especially low-income women, cannot receive adequate prenatal care because they lack access to providers of obstetrical care; Whereas infant mortality is a widespread problem which afflicts both urban and rural areas in all geographic regions of the United States; Whereas the number of births to teenage mothers, who have a greater risk of giving birth to sick infants, has increased by 20 percent in the last 3 years; Whereas the high number of deaths, disabilities, and illnesses among infants in the United States is deplorable; and Whereas expectant parents in the United States should work toward the birth of healthy babies: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 10, 1992, is designated as "Infant Mortality Awareness Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved May 14, 1992.

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