Public Law 98–246
98th Congress
Joint Resolution
Declaring the week of May 7 through May 13, 1984, as “National Photo Week”.

Whereas photography is the prime visual recorder of human events of any dimension, preserving memories, emotion, and sentiment for virtually all the American people;
Whereas photography is an established and growing art form communicating the beauty and diversity of America and its people both within the land and abroad;
Whereas photography is an important contributor to communication, meteorology, justice, medicine, geographic exploration, astronomy, agriculture, and many other fields of science, technology, and inquiry; and
Whereas photography is, and has long been, an indispensable tool in preserving the history of the Nation and the changing panorama of American landscape and culture: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 7 through May 13, 1984, be declared to be the first annual “National Photo Week”. The President is authorized, since “National Photo Week” is to be a time dedicated to increasing the American public’s appreciation and understanding of photography and to improving individual skill in photography so that the benefits thereof may be appreciated and used on the broadest possible scale, for the greatest number of people, to issue a proclamation to aid in the celebration of said week.

Approved March 27, 1984.

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