

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 325

Expressing support for designation of the week of October 29 through  
November 4, 2017, as “National Obesity Care Week”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted the  
following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of October  
29 through November 4, 2017, as “National Obesity  
Care Week”.

Whereas the disease of obesity is a major source of concern  
across the United States, and more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of adults in  
the United States are affected by obesity, with the num-  
ber of people affected by severe obesity in the United  
States continuing to grow;

Whereas experts and researchers agree that obesity is a com-  
plex disease influenced by various physiological, environ-  
mental, and genetic factors;

Whereas studies show that bias against and stigma associated  
with people affected by obesity can be significant barriers  
to effectively treating the disease;

Whereas research suggests that weight loss of as little as 5 to 10 percent of the total weight of an individual affected by obesity can improve the associated health risks affecting many patients living with obesity and can thereby support the goals of reducing chronic disease, improving health outcomes, and controlling healthcare costs;

Whereas comprehensive and individualized strategies for weight loss and weight management that consider all treatment options, such as reduced-calorie diets, physical activity modifications, pharmacotherapy, and bariatric surgery, have been identified as important components of treatment;

Whereas it will take a long-term collaborative effort, which will involve partners in diverse fields taking active roles, to improve obesity care and treatment; and

Whereas the week of October 29 through November 4, 2017, would be an appropriate week to designate as “National Obesity Care Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the designation of the week of Oc-  
3       tober 29 through November 4, 2017, as “National  
4       Obesity Care Week”; and

5               (2) encourages all people in the United States  
6       to create a foundation of open communication to  
7       eliminate the misunderstanding and stigma regard-  
8       ing obesity and to improve the lives of all individuals  
9       affected by obesity and their families.

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