

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 421

Designating the week of October 15 through 21, 2023, as “National Chemistry Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

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

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of October 15 through 21, 2023, as “National Chemistry Week”.

Whereas chemistry is the science of the basic units of matter and, consequently, plays a role in every aspect of human life;

Whereas chemistry has broad applications, including in food science, soil science, maintaining water quality, energy production, sustainability, medicine, and electronics;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to improving the quality of human life and plays an important role in addressing critical global challenges;

Whereas innovations in chemistry continue to spur economic growth, create jobs, and have applications for a wide range of industries;

Whereas the practitioners of chemistry are catalysts of positive change in their communities and the world;

Whereas National Chemistry Week is part of a broader vision to improve human life through chemistry and to advance the chemistry enterprise;

Whereas the purpose of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public with educational messages about chemistry in order to foster greater understanding of and appreciation for the applications and benefits of chemistry;

Whereas National Chemistry Week strives to stimulate the interest of young people, including women and underrepresented groups, in enthusiastically studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and in pursuing science-related careers that lead to innovations and major scientific breakthroughs;

Whereas National Chemistry Week signifies the collaborative nature of science and promotes partnership between scientific societies, academia, industry, and the public;

Whereas National Chemistry Week highlights many of the everyday uses of chemistry, including in food, dyes, pigments, plastics, soaps, detergents, health products, and energy technologies;

Whereas the theme of the 34th annual National Chemistry Week is “The Healing Power of Chemistry”; and

Whereas students who participate in National Chemistry Week deserve recognition and support for their efforts:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning on October

3 15, 2023, as “National Chemistry Week”;

1 (2) supports the goals and welcomes the partici-
2 pants of the 34th annual National Chemistry Week;

3 (3) recognizes the need to promote the fields of
4 science, including chemistry, technology, engineering,
5 and mathematics, and to encourage youth, including
6 from underrepresented groups, to pursue careers in
7 these fields; and

8 (4) commends the American Chemical Society
9 and the partners of that society for seeking opportu-
10 nities to engage with the public and for organizing
11 and convening events and activities surrounding Na-
12 tional Chemistry Week each year.

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