

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. RISCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week.

Whereas the Senate is committed to the use of forensic science in the investigation of crimes, the prosecution and conviction of the correct perpetrators of crimes, and the exoneration of innocent individuals falsely accused of crimes in the United States;

Whereas forensic science service providers address critical questions in civil and criminal investigations and trials in the United States, including by providing scientific conclusions relating to forensic evidence;

Whereas forensic science service providers partner with—

- (1) Federal agencies to build and maintain criminal databases relating to latent prints, DNA, and other information relevant to criminal cases; and

(2) Federal, State, and local agencies to ensure public safety;

Whereas forensic science service providers serve a vital role in the criminal justice system by providing scientific information to investigators and officers of the court; and

Whereas the week of September 20, 2026, to September 26, 2026, is recognized as “National Forensic Science Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Forensic Science Week; and

4 (2) recognizes that National Forensic Science
5 Week provides a special opportunity for—

6 (A) forensic science service providers—

7 (i) to acknowledge the contributions of
8 forensic scientists in the laboratories in
9 which those individuals work;

10 (ii) to organize community events to
11 encourage a better understanding of forensic
12 science;

13 (iii) to provide tours to Federal,
14 State, and local policymakers to assist
15 those individuals in gaining better insight
16 into the current capabilities of forensic
17 science service providers and the future demands that forensic science service providers will face; and

1 (iv) to contact and invite local media
2 outlets to cover events hosted during Na-
3 tional Forensic Science Week;

4 (B) local policymakers—

5 (i) to recognize, through formal com-
6 mendation or resolution, the contributions
7 of local forensic science laboratories to the
8 communities of those policymakers;

9 (ii) to formally declare the week of
10 September 20, 2026, to September 26,
11 2026, to be “National Forensic Science
12 Week” by proclamation;

13 (iii) to visit local forensic science lab-
14 oratories to gain an understanding of the
15 capabilities and needs of those laboratories;
16 and

17 (iv) to discuss the operational needs of
18 State and local forensic science labora-
19 tories;

20 (C) individuals in the United States, in-
21 cluding members of the media—

22 (i) to attend community events spon-
23 sored by local forensic science laboratories;

24 (ii) to take tours of local forensic
25 science laboratories; and

1 (iii) to ask local forensic science lab-
2 oratories about the operational and legisla-
3 tive needs of those laboratories;

4 (D) members of the media to highlight
5 local news stories that focus on the work of
6 local forensic science laboratories in the commu-
7 nities that those laboratories serve; and

8 (E) public safety officers, law enforcement
9 officers, and officers of the court—

10 (i) to attend community events spon-
11 sored by local forensic science laboratories;

12 (ii) to take tours of local forensic
13 science laboratories;

14 (iii) to discuss the operational needs
15 of State and local forensic science labora-
16 tories; and

17 (iv) to engage with local forensic
18 science laboratories about working together
19 more effectively.