

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 1021

Raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating  
January 2026 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking  
by designating January 2026 as “National Stalking  
Awareness Month”.

Whereas, approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the  
United States, at some point during their lifetimes, have  
experienced stalking victimization, causing them to feel  
very fearful, threatened, or concerned for their own safe-  
ty or the safety of others;

Whereas it is estimated that, each year, over 13,400,000 indi-  
viduals in the United States report that they have been  
victims of stalking;

Whereas more than 80 percent of victims of stalking report  
that they have been stalked by a current or former inti-  
mate partner or acquaintance;

Whereas nearly 70 percent of female stalking victims and 80 percent of male stalking victims are threatened with physical harm by stalkers;

Whereas stalking is a risk factor for intimate partner homicide;

Whereas 3 in 4 female victims of intimate partner homicides were stalked during the year preceding the homicide by their killers;

Whereas 11 percent of victims of stalking report having been stalked for 5 or more years;

Whereas 2 in 3 stalkers pursue their victims at least once a week;

Whereas many victims of stalking are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, including relocating, changing jobs, or obtaining protection orders;

Whereas the prevalence of anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, and severe depression is much higher among victims of stalking than the general population;

Whereas many victims of stalking do not report stalking to the police or contact a victim service provider, shelter, or hotline;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law, the laws of all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice;

Whereas stalking affects victims of every race, age, culture, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas national organizations, local victim service organizations, college and university campuses, prosecutor's of-

fices, and police departments stand ready to assist victims of stalking and are working diligently to develop effective and innovative responses to stalking, including on-line stalking;

Whereas there is a need to improve the response of the criminal justice system to stalking through more aggressive investigation and prosecution;

Whereas there is a need for an increase in the availability of victim services across the United States, and those services must include programs tailored to meet the needs of victims of stalking;

Whereas individuals between 18 and 24 years old experience the highest rates of stalking victimization, and a majority of stalking victims report their victimization first occurred before the age of 25;

Whereas 43 percent of women in college who experience stalking by an intimate partner also experience sexual or physical assault;

Whereas college students with disabilities are twice as likely as college students without disabilities to experience stalking;

Whereas there is a need for an effective response to stalking on each college and university campus;

Whereas 80 percent of stalking victims report being stalked with technology, such as phone calls, text messages, social media platforms, internet posts, emails, and electronic tracking;

Whereas victims of technology-facilitated stalking often report higher fear than victims who experience in-person stalking, and are just as concerned for their safety;

Whereas January 2026 marks the 22nd anniversary of the first “National Stalking Awareness Month”; and

Whereas the House of Representatives finds that “National Stalking Awareness Month” provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about stalking: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) designates “National Stalking Awareness  
3       Month”;

4               (2) applauds the efforts of service providers, po-  
5       lice departments, prosecutor’s offices, national and  
6       community organizations, colleges and universities,  
7       and private sector entities that combat stalking, sup-  
8       port victims, and bring awareness to this crime;

9               (3) encourages policymakers, criminal justice  
10       officials, victim service and human service agencies,  
11       institutions of higher education, and nonprofit orga-  
12       nizations to increase awareness of stalking and con-  
13       tinue to support the availability of services for vic-  
14       tims of stalking; and

15              (4) urges national and community organiza-  
16       tions, businesses in the private sector, and the media  
17       to promote awareness of the crime of stalking  
18       through “National Stalking Awareness Month”.

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