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H. RES. 1213

Supporting the recognition of April 2026 as “National County Government Month” to honor the county government workforce, educate residents about local programs and services, and celebrate the county government role in the intergovernmental partnership.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2026

Mr. OLSZEWSKI (for himself, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. BELL, Mr. MENEFEE, Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. NEGUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the recognition of April 2026 as “National County Government Month” to honor the county government workforce, educate residents about local programs and services, and celebrate the county government role in the intergovernmental partnership.

Whereas county governments are one of the oldest forms of government in the United States, with roots dating back to 1634, when the first county governments were established in Virginia;

Whereas today’s 3,069 county governments are chartered under State constitutions or laws to serve the diverse needs of local communities;

Whereas county governments serve as the level of government closest to the people, delivering essential services that impact the daily life of residents of the county, including public safety, infrastructure, health care, economic development, and social services;

Whereas the National Association of Counties has, since 1991, designated the month of April as “National County Government Month” to encourage counties across the United States to raise public awareness about county roles and responsibilities in serving residents;

Whereas America’s 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs keep our communities healthy, vibrant, and safe, employing approximately 3,600,000 dedicated public servants who serve residents every day;

Whereas counties are governed by locally elected officials, including more than 19,350 county, elected executives and board members across the country who are directly accountable to the residents they serve;

Whereas county governments are vital partners in the inter-governmental system, working alongside Federal, State, Tribal, and local officials to implement laws, regulations, and services that benefit all Americans;

Whereas counties invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit, that connects communities and drives economic prosperity;

Whereas counties support approximately 70 percent of all local public health departments in the United States, invest approximately \$130,000,000,000 annually in community health and hospitals;

Whereas “National County Government Month” offers an opportunity for counties to tell their stories, celebrate their

workforces, and strengthen civic connections between county governments and the residents they serve through activities such as open houses, facility tours, proclamations, media outreach, social media campaigns, and school engagement; and

Whereas the National Association of Counties commends the county officials and employees whose dedication and public service make communities across America better places to live, work, and thrive: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports “National County Government
3 Month” and calls on all counties, parishes, and bor-
4 oughs across the United States to join in this cele-
5 bration;

6 (2) encourages all counties, parishes, and bor-
7 oughs to pass a resolution or proclamation recog-
8 nizing “National County Government Month” in
9 their respective jurisdictions and to use the month to
10 actively promote the roles and responsibilities of
11 counties in serving residents;

12 (3) encourages each county to use “National
13 County Government Month” to tell the story of the
14 county, raising awareness of local programs and
15 services that impact residents every day; and

16 (4) encourages Members of Congress to engage
17 with their local communities to raise awareness
18 about “National County Government Month” and to

- 1 support the goals of the celebration of educating the
- 2 public about the essential role counties play in daily
- 3 American life.

