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Expressing support for the designation of October 2025 as “Crime Prevention Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COSTA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the National Crime Prevention Council estimates that the global sale of counterfeit goods constitutes a criminal enterprise valued at approximately \$2,000,000,000,000 annually, with proceeds fueling human trafficking, organized crime, and the distribution of fake pharmaceuticals (including those containing fentanyl), posing serious threats to public health and safety;

Whereas, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on average a violent crime was recorded every 25.9 sec-

onds in 2024, underscoring the ongoing prevalence of reported serious offenses;

Whereas the Bureau of Justice Statistics 2023 National Crime Victimization Survey found 22.5 violent victimizations per 1,000 persons aged 12 or older, underscoring the continued human cost of crime despite recent gains;

Whereas, according to Vanderbilt University, researchers estimate that personal and property crimes impose an aggregate economic burden of approximately \$2,600,000,000,000 annually in lost quality of life, direct victim expenses, and taxpayer costs;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center received more than 880,000 complaints in 2023 alone, with reported losses exceeding \$12,500,000,000, highlighting the growing need to prevent cyber-enabled crimes;

Whereas community-based violence intervention models, when paired with law enforcement partnerships, have demonstrated success in reducing violent incidents and generating substantial taxpayer savings;

Whereas other evidence-based strategies, such as neighborhood watch coalitions, youth mentorship and afterschool programs, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, and data-driven policing, have demonstrated measurable success in deterring crime and strengthening trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve;

Whereas sustained investment in mental health services, substance use treatment, reentry support, and violence interruption initiatives addresses root causes of criminal behavior and reduces recidivism;

Whereas preventing crime and keeping communities safe has long been a bipartisan priority across Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, and local governments;

Whereas victims of crime and their families deserve continued support and access to services to help them recover and rebuild;

Whereas communities across the United States benefit when government, civil society, and private partners work together to prevent crime and support victims;

Whereas the National Crime Prevention Council inaugurated “Crime Prevention Month” in October 1984, encouraging residents, businesses, educators, faith leaders, and elected officials to partner in proactive safety efforts; and

Whereas renewing national attention to “Crime Prevention Month” each October galvanizes Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, and local stakeholders to collaborate on innovative, evidence-based solutions that keep communities safe: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of
3 “Crime Prevention Month”;

4 (2) commends law enforcement officers, first re-
5 sponders, community organizers, educators, re-
6 searchers, violence intervention specialists, and vol-
7 unteers whose work prevents crime and supports vic-
8 tims;

9 (3) encourages Federal agencies to support evi-
10 dence-based crime prevention and violence interven-

1 tion grants, including programs focused on youth
2 mentorship, behavioral health treatment, and safe
3 housing design;

4 (4) encourages States, local governments, and
5 Tribal nations to incorporate Crime Prevention
6 Through Environmental Design principles in infra-
7 structure and housing projects, and to expand pub-
8 lic-private partnerships that revitalize neighborhoods
9 and create economic opportunity; and

10 (5) calls upon all citizens of the United States
11 to observe “Crime Prevention Month” with appro-
12 priate programs, ceremonies, and activities that pro-
13 mote public safety, highlight community success sto-
14 ries, and reaffirm the shared responsibility to build
15 safer, more resilient communities.