**Request**

Easterseals is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019. Easterseals seeks bipartisan congressional resolutions in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to recognize our organization on its 100-year history and legacy of service and impact on the lives of millions of children and adults with disabilities, veterans, older adults, caregivers and their families from across the country.

**About Easterseals**

Easterseals is a national network of more than 70 leading nonprofit organizations who provide essential services to children and adults with disabilities, veterans, and older adults to help them achieve milestones, live independently, and fully participate in their communities. For nearly 100 years, Easterseals has provided millions of Americans with early childhood education and intervention services, employment assistance and placement, transportation solutions, mental health services, respite, camping and recreation, and caregiving and aging supports. Easterseals is also an economic driver in communities, employing over 30,000 professional staff nationwide who deliver high-quality services, often made available through federal programs and resources.

**About Easterseals 100th Anniversary**

Easterseals was founded in Elyria, Ohio in 1919 by Ohio businessman Edgar Allen following the death of his young son. After witnessing the lack of health care and services available for children with disabilities in his community, Mr. Allen created an organization, now known as Easterseals, focused on improving the health, well-being, and service needs of children with disabilities. Easterseals expanded its mission and national reach when it opened its services and programs to include returning World War II veterans and other adults with disabilities. Easterseals is celebrating our 100th anniversary throughout 2019, starting with recognition at the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2019 in Pasadena, California, a Capitol Hill Day in March of 2019, and continuing the rest of the year with celebrations and local events across the country.

**Congressional Resolution Timeline**

Our goal is for congressional resolutions in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to be approved during Easterseals’ anniversary year of 2019.

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| **Timeframe** | **Planned Activity** |
| January 2019 | Bipartisan congressional resolutions introduced in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate to commemorate Easterseals’ 100th anniversary |
| February and March 2019 | Easterseals affiliate leaders and supporters invite their Members of Congress to cosponsor U.S. House and U.S. Senate congressional resolutions, including during its March 27th Capitol Hill Day event |
| April 22, 2019 | 100th anniversary date of Easterseals’ founding  *(Note: Congress is in recess from April 15th to 26th)* |
| Before end of 2019 | U.S. House and U.S. Senate approve congressional resolution |