

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mrs. MOODY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Designating March 5, 2026, as “National Slam the Scam Day” to raise awareness about pervasive scams and to prevent government imposter scams and other types of scams by promoting education about such scams.

Whereas hundreds of thousands of individuals in the United States are targeted by government imposter scams each year, including government imposter scams related to Social Security, Medicare, the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Postal Service, and the Internal Revenue Service;

Whereas scams cost United States consumers billions of dollars annually, disproportionately affecting older adults;

Whereas, in the first 3 quarters of 2025, the Federal Trade Commission reported that fraud losses totaled over \$12,000,000,000, with over \$700,000,000 reported as imposter scams;

Whereas 1 in 4 people in the United States reported losing money to scams, with a median loss of \$500 per person;

Whereas, according to the Federal Trade Commission, since 2020 there has been more than a four-fold increase in older adults reporting losses of \$10,000 or more, and at times they have lost their entire life savings;

Whereas, since 2013, the fraud hotline of the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate has received more than 12,685 complaints from individuals in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico regarding possible government imposter scams;

Whereas, according to the Federal Trade Commission, in 2025, older adults reported larger median individual losses as a result of government imposter scams than younger adults;

Whereas government imposter scams involve scammers contacting individuals in the United States and claiming to resolve a government-related problem or impersonating employees of government agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Postal Service, and the Internal Revenue Service, to demand payment or personal information, which defrauds the people of the United States and erodes trust in the government agencies that the scammers impersonate; and

Whereas increased awareness of, and education about, government imposter scams help to thwart government imposter scammers: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) designates March 5, 2026, as “National  
3       Slam the Scam Day”;

4           (2) recognizes National Slam the Scam Day as  
5       an opportunity to raise awareness and amplify the  
6       messaging about scams that involve individuals im-  
7       personating government employees by any means,  
8       including by mail, telephone, text message, email, so-  
9       cial media, or internet websites (referred to in this  
10      resolution as “government imposter scams”);

11          (3) recognizes that law enforcement agencies,  
12      consumer protection groups, telephone companies,  
13      area agencies on aging, and financial institutions all  
14      play vital roles in—

15           (A) preventing government imposter scams  
16      from targeting the people of the United States;  
17      and

18           (B) educating the people of the United  
19      States about government imposter scams;

20          (4) encourages—

21           (A) the implementation of policies and pro-  
22      grams to prevent government imposter scams;  
23      and

1 (B) the improvement of measures to pro-  
2 tect the people of the United States from gov-  
3 ernment imposter scams;

4 (5) encourages members of the public to—

5 (A) ignore solicitations from individuals  
6 falsely claiming to represent government agen-  
7 cies;

8 (B) share information about government  
9 imposter scams with family and friends; and

10 (C) report government imposter scams to  
11 the corresponding agency, such as—

12 (i) the Office of the Inspector General  
13 of the Social Security Administration;

14 (ii) the Treasury Inspector General  
15 for Tax Administration; or

16 (iii) the Federal Trade Commission;

17 and

18 (6) honors the commitment and dedication of  
19 the individuals and organizations that work tirelessly  
20 to fight against government imposter scams.