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Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District
Congressman Nick J. Rahall, of Beckley, has been named the
1979 West Virginia State Chairman for the March of Dimes.

Rahall recently accepted the post in a letter to Charles
Massey, President of the March of Dimes National Foundation.

Rahall observed, "Prevention of birth defects has long
been the special mission of the March of Dimes. In every
community of this country the March of Dimes has initiated
educational and medical service programs to protect the un-
born and new born. It has increased the availability of
prenatal care, started and supported programs to improve
maternal nutrition, created a nationwide group of genetic
centers and established and assisted newborn intensive care
units. It has built a productive partnership with the com-
munity, the professions and government at all levels--and
proved how much can be accomplished by such a cooperative
effort, and I am very proud to be a part of this effort."

Congressman Rahall also pointed out that President Carter
has proclaimed January, 1979, as March of Dimes Birth Defects
Month. "This Presidential Proclamation has a particular
significance during 1979," Rahall stated, "since this is
the International Year of the Child."

Aside from his duties as State Chairman, Congressman Rahall
will participate in the WHIS-TV Telerama for the March of
Dimes in Bluefield on the weekend of Feb 3,4.

"In the last nine years, this telerama has raised an incredible
total of \$468,297, for the March of Dimes, and I look forward
to another record-setting year," Congressman Rahall said.