

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

ACR 112 (Gallagher)

As Introduced August 19, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Recognizes the month of September 2025 as Deaf Awareness Month in California.

Major Provisions

- 1) The purpose of Deaf Awareness Month, celebrated in September, is to bring visibility and awareness to Deaf issues, people, and culture, emphasizing the positive aspects of deafness, encouraging social inclusion, and raising awareness of the organizations locally, nationally, and globally that support those who are deaf.
- 2) Deaf Awareness Month traces its roots to the International Week of the Deaf, established in 1958 by the World Federation of the Deaf, and evolving into a month-long celebration and recognition of the Deaf community in 1997.
- 3) Deaf Awareness Month seeks to increase public understanding of Deaf issues, individuals, and culture by highlighting barriers faced by deaf individuals and by promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and communication.
- 4) Three million Californians identify as deaf or hard of hearing, and the Deaf community intersects with all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, and geographies. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made, and continue to make, numerous contributions to the cultural and economic vitality of California and the United States.
- 5) The celebration of Deaf Awareness Month provides a platform for the Deaf community to express their culture, language, and experiences, while offering an opportunity to participate in, learn about, and appreciate Deaf culture.

COMMENTS**According to the Author**

California is home to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, and ACR 112 celebrates their contributions to California's economy and cultural fabric.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 11-0-0

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Flora, Mark González, Irwin, Krell, Patel, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

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