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THIRD READING

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Bill No: ACR 112  
Author: Gallagher (R), et al.  
Introduced: 8/19/25  
Vote: 21

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**SUBJECT:** Deaf Awareness Month

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution recognizes the month of September 2025 as Deaf Awareness Month in California.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 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) According to the World Health Organization, over 466 million individuals worldwide are deaf or hard of hearing. Three million Californians identify as deaf or hard of hearing, and the Deaf community intersects with all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, and geographies.
- 4) 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.

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**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 2/9/26)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 2/9/26)

None received

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