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**HR-121** (2021-2022)

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

**NO. 121**

Introduced by Assembly Member Petrie-Norris

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June 22, 2022

Relative to Overdose Awareness Week.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 121, as introduced, Petrie-Norris.

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Week is recognized by the federal government of the United States of America in order to address the overdose epidemic and enhance support for individuals facing substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in November of 2021, more than 100,000 Americans died of drug overdoses during the year-long period that ended in April of 2021; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health reported 5,502 deaths related to opioid overdose in 2020 in California; and

WHEREAS, The State Department of Public Health reported nearly 15 million prescriptions for opioids in 2020 in California; and

WHEREAS, Of the 1,500 people that died on the streets of Los Angeles during the COVID-19 pandemic, 40 percent died due to drug or alcohol overdose, according to the University of California Los Angeles Luskin Institute; and

WHEREAS, Deaths involving drug overdose have increased exponentially in the past 10 years, with fentanyl overdose deaths increasing by 858 percent from 82 in 2012 to 786 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Cocaine and psychostimulant-involved overdose deaths disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minority groups; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the Assembly recognizes the week of August 29, 2022, as Overdose Awareness Week in order to commemorate those individuals who have lost their lives due to overdose and to support the people and their families currently struggling with substance use disorder; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

REVISIONS:

Heading—Line 2.