

1-1 By: Leo Wilson, Flores (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.C.R. No. 12
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hall	X			
1-8 Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-9 Cook	X			
1-10 Eckhardt	X			
1-11 Kolkhorst	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Middleton	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The designation of September as Deaf Awareness Month
1-17 serves as a fitting means to promote better understanding and to
1-18 encourage greater support of individuals who are deaf or hard of
1-19 hearing; and

1-20 WHEREAS, The International Day of the Deaf was first
1-21 celebrated in 1958, and it later expanded to become a weeklong
1-22 commemoration of the first World Congress of the World Federation
1-23 of the Deaf, which took place in Rome in September 1951; Deaf
1-24 Awareness Month was established in 1996 through the efforts of the
1-25 National Association of the Deaf; in the years since, deaf and hard
1-26 of hearing communities across the United States have marked the
1-27 occasion by celebrating the essential role that its members play in
1-28 society and by focusing attention on their experiences and
1-29 achievements; and

1-30 WHEREAS, Texas is home to millions of individuals from
1-31 diverse backgrounds who are deaf or hard of hearing, and the members
1-32 of this unique cultural group share a rich and colorful history as
1-33 well as deep social connections; they often communicate through
1-34 visual methods, such as American Sign Language, written
1-35 communication, and lipreading, and they may use technologies such
1-36 as hearing aids, cochlear implants, video relay services, and
1-37 closed captions; and

1-38 WHEREAS, Government agencies such as the Texas Health and
1-39 Human Services Commission offer a variety of programs to support
1-40 citizens of all ages who are deaf or hard of hearing, including
1-41 communication services for events, educational initiatives,
1-42 interpreter training and certification, telecommunications
1-43 assistance, and tuition waivers; moreover, advocates for the deaf
1-44 and hard of hearing community are working to expand access to vital
1-45 resources and assistance and are dedicated to reducing stigma
1-46 related to deafness and hearing loss; and

1-47 WHEREAS, Deaf Awareness Month provides a welcome opportunity
1-48 to educate the public about issues that impact Texans who are deaf
1-49 or hard of hearing and to celebrate the many contributions they have
1-50 made to the vibrancy and prosperity of the Lone Star State; now,
1-51 therefore, be it

1-52 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-53 hereby designate September as Deaf Awareness Month; and, be it
1-54 further

1-55 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
1-56 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
1-57 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
1-58 finally passed by the legislature.