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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. **1005**

Introduced by: Representatives Deutsch, Brunner, Duvall, Finck, Goodwin, Lesmeister, Milstead, Peterson (Kent), Peterson (Sue), Pourier, Randolph, Reed, Steele, and Zikmund and Senators DiSanto, Ewing, Monroe, Novstrup, and Youngberg

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing the month of September as Opioid Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, opioid-related deaths in South Dakota have steadily increased since 2012, and there are now an average of thirty-one opioid-related deaths per year; and

WHEREAS, opioid-related deaths affect citizens from one year of age to eighty-five years of age and beyond; and

WHEREAS, suspected opioid overdoses increased from 2015 to 2019, and one in four people prescribed opioids struggle with addiction; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota, law enforcement, health care providers, and local governments have made great strides in combating opioid addiction and awareness; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to share all of the state's opioid abuse awareness and prevention resources with citizens in the month of September for public awareness and education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognize September as Opioid Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.