



# Bill Text: CA ACR146 | 2023-2024 | Regular Session | Introduced California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 146

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**NOTE: There are more recent revisions of this legislation.** Read Latest Draft

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**Bill Title:** Peer Appreciation Week.

**Spectrum:** Moderate Partisan Bill (Democrat 51-13)

**Status:** (Passed) 2024-06-05 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 88, Statutes of 2024. [ACR146 Detail]

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**NO. 146**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Pellerin**

February 16, 2024

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Relative to Peer Appreciation Week.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 146, as introduced, Pellerin. Peer Appreciation Week.

This bill would recognize the 3rd week of May 2024 as Peer Appreciation Week in California.

### Digest Key

Fiscal Committee: no

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### Bill Text

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 803 was signed into law on September 25, 2020, and established the peer support specialist certification program in California and allows new and current peer support workers to be Medi-Cal certified peer support specialists; and

WHEREAS, Peer support specialists are trained providers who use their lived experience to encourage, engage with, and support others with mental health, addiction, or trauma challenges using the recovery model and the principles and values of peer support to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery; and

WHEREAS, Peer support specialists use the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) definition of recovery, guiding principles of recovery, mission, and vision to empower and assist their peers to live a life of their choosing, improving the likelihood of long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, Medi-Cal certified peer support specialist services are eligible for federal reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, Peer support is an emerging best practice, has proven to be a cost-effective treatment for mental health, addiction, and traumatic challenges, reduces inpatient hospital days and recidivism rates, and increases a consumer's ability to access culturally responsive community-based services; and