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**TALLAHASSEE**, **Fla.** – **Representative Katherine Waldron (D-Greenacres)** presented her bill **HB 121** which would create "Overdose Awareness" specialty license plates. A portion of the annual use fees will go to help reverse the stigma of addiction and mental health through outreach and education.

"There is a growing mental health problem and substance use disorder in our in our state and in our country." said **Representative**Waldron, who also notes that "almost everyone has a family member, friend or colleague who has been impacted by this problem".

Proceeds from the sales of these plates, will go towards the <u>Project Addiction: Reversing the Stigma organization</u>. The organization was founded by a group of residents who gathered in their grief after having lost a loved one to addiction and mental health.

Rosemarie Aldred, Project Addiction: Reversing the Stigma, Board of Directors member, stated "We are so excited that HB 403 passed on the floor of the House for the Overdose Awareness Specialty License plate. We want to take this opportunity to thank The Honorable Representative Katherine Waldron for her support and efforts in sponsoring this initiative. Together we will all save lives!"