

SENATE RESOLUTION 39

(By Senators Chapman and Rucker)

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1 Designating March as Kidney Disease Awareness Month.

2 Whereas, From removing waste and toxins to supporting the regulation of blood pressure,
3 the production of red blood cells, and building bone health, healthy kidneys are a critical
4 component of overall health and wellness; and

5 Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, kidney diseases
6 are a leading cause of death in the United States, and while it is estimated that more than 37
7 million adults nationwide have chronic kidney disease, most are unaware of their condition; and

8 Whereas, According to the National Kidney Foundation, one in three adults in the United
9 States are at risk of kidney disease, with risk factors including diabetes, heart disease, high blood
10 pressure, obesity, and family history of kidney disease, and people who are Black, Hispanic, or
11 Latino are at a further increased risk; and

12 Whereas, Kidney diseases can be delayed or prevented with proper care, and advances in
13 diagnosis, treatments, and procedures like medication management, dialysis, and transplantation
14 create opportunities for patients to live longer after diagnosis; and

15 Whereas, This month, the state of West Virginia joins West Virginians in raising awareness
16 of kidney diseases and encouraging individuals to maintain their kidney health by eating well,
17 drinking plenty of fluids, practicing healthy lifestyle habits, and communicating with their health
18 care providers about their potential risk factors for kidney disease; therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate:*

20 That the Senate hereby Designates March as Kidney Disease Awareness Month; and be it

21 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to

1 the appropriate representatives of the National Kidney Foundation.