

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 135

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A RESOLUTION to recognize March 2021 as "Kidney Disease Awareness Month" and March 11, 2021, as "World Kidney Day."

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease (CKD) is the progressive, gradual loss of kidney function that results in a decrease in the ability of the kidneys to remove waste from the body; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that thirty-seven million adults in the United States have CKD, and of that number approximately ninety percent remain undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, without diagnosis and treatment to slow its progression, CKD can progress to end-stage renal failure, which is fatal unless the patient receives dialysis or a kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, CKD is associated with more severe COVID-19 infections, and COVID-19 may cause acute kidney damage that can lead to dialysis or even death; and

WHEREAS, regular screening and early detection can prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure, and it is essential that awareness of kidney disease and the importance of prevention and early detection be raised; and

WHEREAS, kidney disease awareness empowers patients and families to seek diagnosis, support, and appropriate treatment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize March 2021 as "Kidney Disease Awareness Month" and March 11, 2021, as "World Kidney Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.