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1 | Senate Resolution No. ____

2 | A resolution recognizing National Kidney Month.

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4 | WHEREAS, 20 million Americans suffer from kidney

5 | disease, resulting in more than 50,000 chronic

6 | kidney-failure-related deaths annually, and

7 | WHEREAS, diabetes and high blood pressure account for

8 | 66 percent of the new cases of chronic kidney failure

9 | diagnosed each year, and

10 | WHEREAS, more than 260,000 Americans, including 12,000

11 | Floridians, suffer from chronic kidney failure and need

12 | dialysis by an artificial kidney machine or kidney

13 | transplantation to stay alive, and

14 | WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is the major

15 | voluntary health agency seeking the total answer to diseases

16 | of the kidney, nationally and in Florida, and

17 | WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is universally

18 | respected and recognized as a leader in research and the

19 | effort to promote public awareness and the need for organ

20 | donations, and

21 | WHEREAS, the volunteers and staff of the National

22 | Kidney Foundation of Florida spend countless hours working to

23 | help ease the plight of dialysis patients, transplant

24 | recipients, and others suffering from kidney disease, and

25 | WHEREAS, the month of March is acknowledged as National

26 | Kidney Month, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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30 | That this legislative body recognizes the month of

31 | March, 1998, as "National Kidney Month" in Florida, and urges

1 | everyone to join in acknowledging the work of the National

2 | Kidney Foundation of Florida and its dedicated volunteers and

3 | staff for their unselfish commitment to others.

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