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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending the National Kidney Foundation for its many contributions and recognizing March 2003 as "National Kidney Month" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, one in nine adults--more than 20 million Americans--has kidney disease, and most don't know it; and another 20 million Americans are at risk of developing the disease due to diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, more than 345,000 Americans, including approximately 18,000 Floridians, suffer from chronic kidney failure and require dialysis treatments or a kidney transplant to stay alive, and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is the major voluntary health agency seeking prevention and cures for diseases of the kidney and urinary tract nationally and in Florida, and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation is universally respected and recognized as a leader in research and in promoting public awareness of kidney disease and of the need for organ donors, and

WHEREAS, the volunteers and staff of the National Kidney Foundation of Florida spend countless hours working to help ease the plight of dialysis patients, transplant recipients, and others in our community suffering from kidney disease, NOW THEREFORE,

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

1 That the Florida Senate commends the invaluable
2 contributions that the National Kidney Foundation makes to the
3 people of this state by promoting awareness of kidney disease
4 and assisting those who suffer from kidney disease, and
5 recognizes March 2003 as "National Kidney Month" in the State
6 of Florida.
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