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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the month of March 2003 as National Kidney Month.

WHEREAS, one in nine adults in the United States has kidney disease, and most of the more than 20 million Americans with the disease do not know it, and

WHEREAS, another 20 million are at increased 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 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, the major voluntary health agency in the nation and in Florida seeking prevention and cures for diseases of the kidney and urinary tract, 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 ease the plight of dialysis patients, transplant recipients, and others in our communities who suffer from kidney disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the House of Representatives wholeheartedly recognizes the month of March 2003 as National Kidney Month, urges all

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Florida residents to become more knowledgeable of the risks and symptoms of kidney diseases, and applauds the volunteers and staff of the National Kidney Foundation of Florida for their efforts toward preventing and curing these diseases.