

By Senator Wilson

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## Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 22, 2006, as  
"Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans, about one in  
nine adults, suffer from a form of chronic kidney disease and,  
of these, more than 8 million have significantly reduced  
kidney function that, if left untreated, may progress to the  
more severe stage of chronic kidney disease, known as  
end-stage renal disease, and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal  
disease affect approximately 400,000 Americans, of which  
nearly 19,000 are Floridians, and

WHEREAS, of the approximate 19,000 Floridians afflicted  
with end-stage renal disease, approximately 39 percent are  
African American and 16 percent are Hispanic, and

WHEREAS, the only treatment options for patients having  
end-stage renal disease is kidney transplantation or dialysis  
and, as kidney transplantation is limited due to the severe  
shortage of donor organs, most end-stage renal disease  
patients require 4-hour dialysis treatment three times per  
week, and

WHEREAS, end-stage renal disease patients also suffer  
from multiple co-morbid conditions such as diabetes,  
hypertension, heart disease, anemia, bone disease, and  
malnutrition, and therefore require a regimen of medication  
therapy, dietary restrictions, and laboratory testing provided  
at their primary point of care, the dialysis facility, in  
order to maintain their lives, and

WHEREAS, the multidisciplinary care provided at the  
dialysis facility to patients having end-stage renal disease

1 | has resulted in significant improvements in patient outcomes  
2 | and has enhanced the quality of life for this patient  
3 | population, and

4 |         WHEREAS, most end-stage renal disease patients rely  
5 | primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of their  
6 | life-sustaining care, which includes dialysis treatment,  
7 | medications, laboratory testing, and, as necessary,  
8 | transportation services to the dialysis facility, and, as a  
9 | consequence, any changes in Medicare and Medicaid eligibility,  
10 | coverage, or benefits place this vulnerable patient population  
11 | significantly at risk, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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15 |         That March 22, 2006, is recognized as "Chronic Kidney  
16 | Disease Awareness Day" in Florida in the hope that all  
17 | possible support will continue to be extended to end-stage  
18 | renal disease patients in Florida and throughout the country  
19 | and world.

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