

By Senator Wilson

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 13, 2007, as
"Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential to regulate the
body by water and other chemicals in your blood, remove
fluids, waste, toxins, and drugs introduced to the body,
release hormones that regulate blood pressure, make red blood
cells, and promote strong bones, and

WHEREAS, more than 1.8 million Floridians, about one in
nine adults, suffer from chronic kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, of the 19,000 Floridians afflicted with
end-stage renal disease, approximately 40 percent are
African-American and 16 percent are Hispanic, and

WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease
are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible
for up to two-thirds of the cases, and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Florida has
a health-screening program to identify people early for kidney
disease, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation
of Florida is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases,
improve the health and well-being of individuals and families
affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of
all organs for transplantation, and

WHEREAS, early detection including regular reporting of
the glomerular filtration rate, currently the best indication
of kidney disease staging, can help prevent the progression of
kidney disease to kidney failure, which requires continual
dialysis or a kidney transplant in order to maintain life, and

1 WHEREAS, the cost of treatment for kidney disease
2 patients is disproportionately higher than any other chronic
3 disease, and

4 WHEREAS, most patients who have end-stage renal disease
5 rely primarily on Medicare and Medicaid to cover the costs of
6 their life-sustaining care that 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 will significantly put them at risk, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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14 That March 13, 2007, is recognized as "Chronic Kidney
15 Disease Awareness Day" in Florida in the hope that all
16 possible support be extended to chronic kidney disease
17 patients in Florida, including expanding the scope of study at
18 the Agency for Health Care Administration to include a study
19 of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney
20 disease.