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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 13-17, 2012, as
"Kidney Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, 26 million American adults have Chronic Kidney
Disease (CKD) and millions of others are at risk in the United
States, and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders,
Native Americans, and seniors have an increased risk of
developing CKD, and

WHEREAS, the two main causes of CKD are diabetes and high
blood pressure, and there is a high correlation between CKD and
hypertension, and

WHEREAS, the kidneys serve many important functions,
including regulating the body's water and chemicals within the
blood, removing toxins introduced into the body, releasing
hormones that regulate blood pressure, making red blood cells,
and producing an active form of vitamin D that promotes strong
bone density, and

WHEREAS, through the damage inflicted by CKD, the vital
functions of the kidney are compromised, causing a wide array of
health issues that can be very serious, and

WHEREAS, persons with CKD may develop other complications
such as anemia, high blood pressure, weak bones, nerve damage,
and other disorders, and

WHEREAS, as the disease progresses, it may lead to kidney
failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant for the
patient to survive, and

WHEREAS, many other conditions also affect the kidneys,

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30 including Glomerulonephritis, which is the third most common
31 type of kidney disease, polycystic kidney disease, malformations
32 that occur as a baby develops in its mother's womb, repeated
33 urinary infections, kidney stones, enlarged prostate glands,
34 Lupus, and other diseases that affect the body's immune system,
35 and

36 WHEREAS, early detection of CKD is crucial and often
37 simple, and includes a blood pressure measurement, urine testing
38 for excess proteins, and a blood test for creatinine, NOW,
39 THEREFORE,

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

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43 That February 13-17, 2012, is recognized as "Kidney
44 Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.