
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS "CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" IN HAWAII IN THE HOPE THAT ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXTENDED TO END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE PATIENTS IN HAWAII AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND WORLD.

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

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8 WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease
9 affect approximately 400,000 Americans; and

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11 WHEREAS, one in seven adults in Hawaii have kidney disease
12 which is 30 percent higher than the national average and those
13 of native Hawaiian, Japanese, and Filipino ancestry are most at
14 risk; and

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16 WHEREAS, the only treatment options for end-stage renal
17 disease patients is kidney transplantation or dialysis; and

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19 WHEREAS, kidney transplantation is limited by the severe
20 shortage of donor organs and most end-stage renal disease
21 patients require 4-hour dialysis treatment three times per week;
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24 WHEREAS, end-stage renal disease patients also suffer from
25 multiple co-morbid conditions such as diabetes, hypertension,
26 heart disease, anemia, bone disease, and malnutrition, and
27 therefore require a regime of medication therapy, dietary
28 restrictions, and laboratory testing provided at their primary
29 point of care, the dialysis facility, to prolong their lives;
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1 WHEREAS, the multidisciplinary care provided at the
2 dialysis facility to patients having end-stage renal disease has
3 resulted in significant improvements in patient outcomes and has
4 enhanced the quality of life for this patient population; and

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

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-
16 third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
17 2006, that March is recognized as "Chronic Kidney Disease
18 Awareness Month" in Hawaii in the hope that all possible support
19 will continue to be extended to end-stage renal disease patients
20 in Hawaii and throughout the country and world; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Governor of
24 the State of Hawaii, and Chief Executive Officer of the National
25 Kidney Foundation of Hawaii.

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