
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE MARCH 13, 2008 AS WORLD KIDNEY DAY
AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS KIDNEY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE
STATE OF HAWAII

1 WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential for processing 200
2 quarts of blood per day to remove fluids, wastes, and toxins
3 from the body and release hormones to regulate blood pressure,
4 make red blood cells, and promote strong bones; and

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6 WHEREAS, more than 156,000 Hawaii residents or 1 in 7
7 adults suffer from chronic kidney disease; and

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9 WHEREAS, of the 2,400 Hawaii residents afflicted with
10 kidney failure, the majority (of whom) are Native Hawaiians,
11 Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, and Pacific Islanders; and

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13 WHEREAS, the two main causes of chronic kidney disease that
14 account for more than 70 percent of all cases, are diabetes and
15 high blood pressure; and

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17 WHEREAS, obesity and inactivity caused 1 in 3 children born
18 in 2000 to develop diabetes and become at-risk for kidney
19 disease; and

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21 WHEREAS, the mission of the National Kidney Foundation of
22 Hawaii and the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii is to
23 prevent kidney disease, improve the quality of life for those
24 living with it, and promote early detection to aid in the
25 prevention of the progression from kidney disease to kidney
26 failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant to
27 maintain life; and

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29 WHEREAS, the cost of treatment of kidney disease patients
30 is disproportionately higher than that of any other chronic
31 disease; and



1 WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated volunteers and
 2 supporters across the state, the National Kidney Foundation of
 3 Hawaii and the St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii has
 4 continuously served the people of Hawaii for 20 years and 125
 5 years respectively; now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 9 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that we observe March
 10 13, 2008 as World Kidney Day and the month of March as Kidney
 11 Awareness Month in Hawaii; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is our hope that all
 14 possible support will continue to be extended to chronic kidney
 15 disease patients in Hawaii and throughout the country and world;
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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the National Kidney
 20 Foundation of Hawaii, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii,
 21 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, as a token
 22 of our highest esteem.

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