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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE MARCH 13 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 are Native Hawaiians, Filipinos,  
11 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 National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, St.  
22 Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii and Clinical Laboratories of  
23 Hawaii are partnering to prevent kidney disease, improve the  
24 quality of life for those living with it, and promote early  
25 detection to prevent the progression from kidney disease to  
26 kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant  
27 to 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  
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33           WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated volunteers and  
34 supporters across the state, the National Kidney Foundation of



1 Hawaii and St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii have  
2 continuously served the people of Hawaii for 20 years and 125  
3 years respectively; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
7 Session of 2008, that we observe March 13, 2008 as World Kidney  
8 Day and the month of March as Kidney Awareness Month in Hawaii;  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is our hope that all  
12 possible support will continue to be extended to chronic kidney  
13 disease patients in Hawaii and throughout the country and world;  
14 and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the National Kidney Foundation of  
18 Hawaii, St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, Clinical  
19 Laboratories of Hawaii, and the Chief Clerk of the House of  
20 Representatives, as a token of our highest esteem.  
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