

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 9, 2017, TO BE "WORLD KIDNEY DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Gallo, Lynch Prata, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 07, 2017

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, World Kidney Day is a global awareness campaign aimed at raising  
2 awareness of the importance of our kidneys, and about preventive behaviors, risk factors, and  
3 how to live with a kidney disease; and

4 WHEREAS, About the size of one's fist, the kidneys are complicated and amazing organs  
5 that remove toxins and excess water from our blood and help to regulate blood pressure by  
6 controlling the salt and water in the body, in order to produce red blood cells and keep bones  
7 healthy; and

8 WHEREAS, World Kidney Day was first started in 2006 and has grown in both  
9 participation and scope ever since and each year, World Kidney Day highlights a different  
10 campaign theme; and

11 WHEREAS, The focus of this year's World Kidney Day is obesity and the ways in which  
12 we can promote education about its harmful consequences and its association with kidney  
13 disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Obesity is defined as abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that may  
15 impair health. In 2014, over 600 million adults were considered obese worldwide, and by 2025,  
16 obesity will affect 18 percent of men and over 21 percent of women worldwide, and severe  
17 obesity will affect 6 percent of all men and 9 percent of all women; and

18 WHEREAS, In some nations, obesity is already present in more than one-third of the  
19 adult population and contributes significantly to overall poor health and high annual medical

1 costs; and

2 WHEREAS, Kidney disease is more likely to develop in obese people including in those  
3 with diabetes and hypertension. In addition, obesity increases the risk of death and contributes to  
4 many other diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, obstructive  
5 sleep apnea, fatty liver, gall bladder disease, osteoarthritis, various cancers, mental disorders, and  
6 poor quality of life; and

7 WHEREAS World Kidney Day is an event that provides the opportunity to advocate for  
8 healthy lifestyle choices, and to promote health policy measures that will make preventive  
9 behaviors an affordable option; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
11 hereby proclaims March 9, 2017, to be "World Kidney Day" in the State of Rhode Island. We  
12 urge and encourage all the citizens of the state to learn about healthy choices to prevent kidney  
13 disease; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Director Nicole Alexander-Scott, Rhode Island  
16 Department of Health, and The National Kidney Foundation.

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