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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING MARCH 13, 2009, AS KIDNEY AWARENESS 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 one in seven  
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 one in three  
18 children born in 2000 to develop diabetes and become at-risk for  
19 kidney disease; and

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21           WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, St.  
22 Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, and Clinical Laboratories  
23 of 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 treating kidney disease patients is  
30 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 St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii have  
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 Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that March 13, 2009, be  
10 observed as Kidney Awareness Day and the month of March as  
11 Kidney 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  
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17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
19 of Health, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, St. Francis  
20 Healthcare System of Hawaii, and Clinical Laboratories of  
21 Hawaii.  
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OFFERED BY: Theranne Chun Oalland  
By Request

