



2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 19

April 2, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives MYERS, VRUWINK, OHNSTAD, HESSELBEIN, SPIROS, SUBECK, ALLEN, TUSLER, FIELDS, MURPHY, SARGENT, SKOWRONSKI, SINICKI, MILROY, HEBL, CROWLEY, ANDERSON, ZAMARRIPA, KOLSTE, RIEMER, SPREITZER and BOWEN, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, WIRCH, DARLING, RINGHAND and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March 2019 to be Kidney Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, the National Kidney Foundation designated March as National
3 Kidney Month to help spread awareness about kidney disease and the ways it can
4 be detected and prevented; and

5 Whereas, kidneys serve many important health functions, including filtering
6 waste from the blood, directing the production of red blood cells, and regulating fluid
7 and blood pressure levels; and

8 Whereas, one in nine American adults has kidney disease and one in three
9 adults is at a high risk for developing kidney disease; and

10 Whereas, kidney disease can cause several health problems, such as
11 cardiovascular disease, heart attack, high blood pressure, stroke, kidney failure, and
12 nerve damage; and

13 Whereas, the risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, family history,
14 high blood pressure, and old age; and

1 Whereas, African-Americans are at an increased risk for chronic kidney
2 disease and kidney failure; and

3 Whereas, more than nine out of ten people who have kidney disease do not know
4 they have it; and

5 Whereas, the symptoms of kidney disease may include swelling of the face,
6 abdomen, or extremities, bloody or foamy urine, painful urination, fatigue, or
7 increased thirst; and

8 Whereas, early detection and treatment of kidney disease can slow or prevent
9 disease progression; and

10 Whereas, according to the National Kidney Foundation, kidney disease risk
11 can be reduced by quitting smoking, regular exercise, maintaining a healthy weight,
12 controlling blood pressure and blood sugar, and avoiding excessive use of pain
13 medications; and

14 Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature has an opportunity to join a national
15 awareness effort to promote kidney health; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the legislature
17 hereby proclaims March 2019 to be Kidney Month in Wisconsin.

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(END)