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 RISER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, family history, high blood pressure, and old age; and
Whereas, African-Americans are at an increased risk for chronic kidney disease and kidney failure; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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