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SENATE 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

32 WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated volunteers and
33 supporters across the state, the National Kidney Foundation of
34 Hawaii and St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii have

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1 continuously served the people of Hawaii for 20 years and 125
2 years respectively; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
6 that March 13, 2009, be observed as Kidney Awareness Day and the
7 month of March as Kidney Awareness Month in Hawaii; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is our hope that all
10 possible support will continue to be extended to chronic kidney
11 disease patients in Hawaii; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Health,
15 National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, St. Francis Healthcare
16 System of Hawaii, and Clinical Laboratories of Hawaii.

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19 OFFERED BY: Thaanne Chun Oalland
By Request

