

Date of Hearing: March 2, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

James Ramos, Chair

ACR 21 (Weber) – As Introduced February 17, 2023

SUBJECT: California Kidney Day.

SUMMARY: Designates March 9, 2023, as California Kidney Day; and, urges Californians to familiarize themselves with the main causes and consequences of chronic kidney disease and the importance of early intervention to conserve health care resources. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a condition that occurs when the kidneys do not work as required to filter waste, toxins, and excess fluid from the body. Many people who have CKD are unaware of their condition.
- 2) CKD can progress to end stage renal disease (ESRD), which is the fifth and final stage of CKD. ESRD requires a continuous course of dialysis therapy or a kidney transplant to maintain life.
- 3) There is no cure for CKD, but there is abundant medical evidence showing that its recognition and treatment can delay or prevent the onset of ESRD. There are approximately 80,000 people with ESRD in the state.
- 4) Diabetes is the number one cause of CKD in the United States. Uncontrolled high blood pressure is the second leading cause of CKD in the United States.
- 5) Severe high blood pressure causes kidney malfunction over a relatively short period of time, but even mild forms of high blood pressure can damage kidneys over several years, with no symptoms evident until there is serious damage.
- 6) Public policy initiatives targeted at early identification, controlling cardiovascular risk factors, and early intervention for those with diabetes mellitus and high blood pressure may reduce the serious long-term effects of CKD on the population.
- 7) March 9, 2023, has been designated as World Kidney Day.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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