

Date of Hearing: May 4, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 108 (Jeff Gonzalez) – As Introduced April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Kidney Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of March 2026 as Kidney Month in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is an under-recognized public health crisis. It is the progressive, gradual loss of kidney function that results in a decreased ability of the kidneys to remove waste from the body.
- 2) CKD affects more than one in seven United States adults, an estimated 35.5 million people, and more than 4.4 million adults in California are affected by CKD while nearly 4 million adults remain unaware.
- 3) As many as 9 out of 10 people with CKD do not know they have the disease because it usually has no symptoms until the late stages.
- 4) African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans are at high risk for developing kidney failure due to high rates of diabetes and high blood pressure in marginalized communities.
- 5) More than 85,000 people have end-stage renal disease in California, and thousands of Californians are waiting for a lifesaving kidney transplant. The five-year survival rate for a patient with end-stage renal disease remains dismally low, with roughly 60 percent of patients dying within five years.
- 6) Regular screening for, and early detection of, CKD allows opportunity for disease management that can slow the progression of kidney disease and help prevent kidney failure.
- 7) The month of March is designated as National Kidney Month, and March 12 is recognized as World Kidney Day to raise awareness of kidney disease and the importance of prevention and early detection.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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