

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6017

A RESOLUTION designating March 12, 2015, as Kidney Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas recognizes that healthy citizens are essential for strong communities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, High blood pressure and diabetes are the main causes of chronic kidney disease, which is a major public health problem, with increasing prevalence, poor outcomes, long waits for kidney transplants and high costs; and

WHEREAS, One in nine Americans has chronic kidney disease and over 2,722 Kansans receive life-sustaining dialysis treatment; and

WHEREAS, Controlling high blood pressure and diabetes can delay or prevent chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, As the costs of health care continue to grow, early and accurate identification of kidney disease is a critical component of efforts to reduce the negative clinical and economic impact on individuals and on the state of Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we designate March 12, 2015, as Kidney Awareness Day. We, along with the National Kidney Foundation and the Kidney Coalition, encourage Kansans to monitor and treat high blood pressure and diabetes to the best of their abilities.

House Resolution No. 6017 was sponsored by Representative Gail Finney.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*