

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### PROCLAMATION

#### KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY

March 10, 2016

*WHEREAS, 26 million American adults have chronic kidney disease and millions of others are at high risk of contracting the disease; and*

*WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 17,132 Pennsylvanians are receiving dialysis and 6,558 Pennsylvanians with chronic kidney disease are on the waiting list for kidney transplants because of their ailment; and*

*WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease high risk groups include those with diabetes, hypertension and a family history of kidney disease; and*

*WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and individuals over the age of 65 are at increased risk of developing chronic kidney disease; and*

*WHEREAS, early detection and treatment can often keep chronic kidney disease from getting worse and prevent the need for dialysis or a transplant; and*

*WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Renal Disease Advisory Committee are committed to increasing education and awareness on the causes of kidney disease and to enhancing the lives of those living with chronic kidney disease by providing medical, pharmaceutical and transportation services.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2016, as KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the importance of chronic kidney disease prevention and awareness.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and fortieth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor