

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY

March 12, 2015

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

WHEREAS, more than 16,488 Pennsylvanians are receiving dialysis due to chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, 6,899 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 is committed to providing education and awareness on the causes of kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Renal Disease Advisory Committee are committed 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 12, 2015, as KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY in Pennsylvania. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the value and 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-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor