

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY

March 8, 2018

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 17,300 Pennsylvanians are receiving dialysis and 6,021 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 8, 2018, 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 fourteenth day of February two thousand and eighteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-second.



Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor