PROCLAMATION

KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY
March 14, 2019

WHEREAS, 30 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 18,800 Pennsylvanians are receiving dialysis and 6,098 Pennsylvanians with chronic kidney disease are on the waiting list for kidney transplants because of their ailment; and

WHEREAS, groups at high risk of developing chronic kidney disease 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.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 14, 2019, 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 January two thousand and nineteen, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-third.

TOM WOLF
Governor