



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**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***

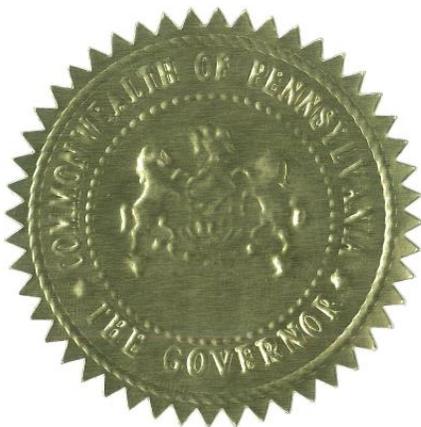
***WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, and individuals over the age of 65 are at increased risk of developing chronic kidney disease; and***

***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***  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor