



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY

March 11, 2021

WHEREAS, over 37 million adults in the United States have chronic kidney disease and millions of others are at high risk of developing the disease; and

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

WHEREAS, more than 19,700 Pennsylvanians are receiving dialysis and 6,032 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, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and a family history of kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, and individuals over the age of sixty-five 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 11, 2021, 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 eleventh day of February two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fifth.


TOM WOLF
Governor