



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY  
March 9, 2023**

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

**WHEREAS, kidney disease is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States; and**

**WHEREAS, more than 19,300 Pennsylvanians are receiving dialysis because of kidney disease, and 6,012 Pennsylvanians 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, 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 of the causes of kidney disease.**

**THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2023 to be KIDNEY AWARENESS DAY. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the importance of kidney health, chronic kidney disease prevention and awareness.**



**GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of February two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.**

A blue ink signature of Josh Shapiro.

**JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor**