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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 13, 2014, as World Kidney Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, More than 26 million Americans suffer from kidney failure during the course of their lives and as a result, their kidneys stop removing excess wastes, fluids, and minerals from the body and the build up of these toxins often leads to death; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, African-Americans are nearly four times as likely to develop kidney disease as whites, Native Americans are three times more likely to develop the disease, and Hispanics are twice as likely to develop the disease as non-Hispanic whites; and

WHEREAS, The leading cause of kidney failure is diabetes and other causes may include high blood pressure, kidney infection, and physical injury to the kidney; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of kidney failure include fatigue, itchiness, frequent urination, water retention and thousands of people who do not recognize these symptoms early have an increased chance of dying; and

WHEREAS, People with kidney failure are at high risk for developing other conditions, such as bone disease, anemia and cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Early intervention and increased community awareness about the impact of kidney failure on patients' lives is important to the successful management of this disease; and

WHEREAS, Patients can choose between hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis for treatment, and the type of dialysis a patient receives depends on their remaining kidney function; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) supports several programs devoted to improving treatment for patients and slowing the progression of kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, Every year the International Federation of Kidney Foundations commemorates World Kidney Day on the second Thursday in March to raise awareness of the impact of kidney failure and its associated health problems worldwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 13, 2014, as World Kidney Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.