

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 12, 2009 "NEW MEXICO KIDNEY DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, March is national kidney month in the United
6 States and March 12, 2009 is world kidney day; and

7 WHEREAS, world kidney day is a global campaign designed
8 to raise awareness of kidney disease and its associated health
9 problems worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, this campaign is celebrated every year on the
11 second Thursday of March in more than one hundred countries
12 and on six continents; and

13 WHEREAS, the 2009 campaign focuses on the importance of
14 prevention and early detection of kidney disease, particularly
15 the awareness of high blood pressure that, along with
16 diabetes, is a leading cause of chronic kidney disease; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the federal department of health
18 and human services, kidney disease is the ninth-leading cause
19 of death in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2000, more than twenty-six million Americans
21 had chronic kidney disease; however, in the years 1999 to
22 2004, only forty-two percent of Americans with severe kidney
23 disease, and fewer than ten percent of those with less severe
24 cases of kidney disease, were aware of their condition; and

25 WHEREAS, over one million five hundred thousand people

1 around the world receive dialysis or have had a kidney
2 transplant; and

3 WHEREAS, according to the national kidney foundation,
4 chronic kidney disease can strike young and middle-aged adults
5 as well as seniors, doubling their risk for premature heart
6 attack, stroke and death; and

7 WHEREAS, risk factors for chronic kidney disease include
8 diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, a
9 family history of kidney disease, and, for people over the age
10 of fifty, obesity and urinary tract and other systemic
11 infections; and

12 WHEREAS, once contracted, it is unlikely that kidney
13 disease can be cured, making prevention and early detection
14 critical in the control of the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, raising awareness about kidney function as well
16 as kidney disease is a crucial activity for all medical
17 professionals, health authorities and the general public;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 12, 2009 be declared "New
20 Mexico Kidney Day" in the senate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
22 encouraged to promote the importance of prevention and early
23 detection of kidney disease during the month of March and
24 beyond.
