

By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 2022 as "Rare Kidney Disease Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, March is recognized as "National Kidney Month," focused on raising public awareness and understanding of rare kidney diseases, such as APOL1-mediated kidney disease, and

WHEREAS, APOL1 genetic variants account for much of the excess risk of chronic and end-stage kidney disease for persons of African ancestry, including people who identify as African American, Afro-Caribbean, and Latinx, and

WHEREAS, APOL1 explains the disproportionate rate of kidney disease in people of African ancestry, with African Americans making up 13 percent of the United States population, but accounting for 32 percent of all kidney failure and 35 percent of all end-stage kidney disease, and African Americans are 4 times more likely to develop kidney failure than white Americans, and

WHEREAS, APOL1-mediated kidney disease is driven by genetic factors and is underdiagnosed, and

WHEREAS, symptoms, including fatigue, swelling in the legs and feet, and weight gain, do not present themselves until kidney damage is advanced, and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of the genetic causes of rare kidney diseases could lead to early diagnosis and care for some of the most vulnerable populations and empower and educate those at risk on how they can manage it,
NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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32 That March 2022 is recognized as "Rare Kidney Disease

33 Awareness Month" in Florida.