

By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing September 2022 as "Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is a progressive genetic disorder that causes damage to the kidneys and the cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, and gastrointestinal organ systems, and

WHEREAS, PKD causes kidney function decline and is one of the four leading causes of kidney failure in the United States, and

WHEREAS, people who have chronic, life-threatening diseases, like PKD, have a predisposition to depression due to anxiety associated with pain, suffering, and the likelihood of premature death and experience thoughts of suicide at a rate seven times higher than the national average for the general population, and

WHEREAS, PKD has a devastating impact on the health and finances of people of all ages and affects people of all races, genders, nationalities, geographic locations, and income levels, and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage and access to comprehensive care and necessary treatments continue to lag for underserved communities in this state, especially black and Latinx populations, and

WHEREAS, PKD awareness increases the public's understanding of this disorder and empowers patients and their families to seek diagnosis, support, and appropriate treatment, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33 That September 2022 is recognized as "Polycystic Kidney
34 Disease Awareness Month" in Florida.