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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 9, 2026, as "FSGS Awareness Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida has a high prevalence of chronic kidney disease relative to other states, and 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in Florida have chronic kidney disease, which is higher than any other state, and

WHEREAS, the third leading cause of chronic kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, and

WHEREAS, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) is a condition referring to the scarring in the kidneys and often leads to a difficult journey that can result in kidney failure, requiring dialysis, transplant, and often cycles of remissions and relapse, and

WHEREAS, 50 percent of patients with FSGS require dialysis or a kidney transplant within 5 to 10 years after their diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, FSGS is a severe disease because it often progresses rapidly to kidney failure, and even for patients with primary FSGS who receive a kidney transplant, FSGS can recur in the transplanted kidney up to 80 percent of the time, and

WHEREAS, kidney diseases rank among the top 10 causes of death for Floridians in a number of age groups, and

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25 WHEREAS, FSGS can be diagnosed at any age but is most
26 commonly diagnosed in men over 45 years old, and

27 WHEREAS, according to the United Kingdom's National
28 Registry of Rare Kidney Diseases Database, rare kidney diseases
29 like FSGS make up just five to ten percent of chronic kidney
30 disease patients but account for approximately 30 percent of
31 kidney failures, and

32 WHEREAS, millions of dollars have been raised for research
33 on the severe rare kidney disease FSGS at the Tampa Pig Jig, an
34 event started in 2011 when friends wanted to raise money for a
35 friend diagnosed with the rare kidney disease FSGS, which is now
36 attended by approximately 10,000 people annually in pursuit of a
37 cure for this devastating disease, and

38 WHEREAS, "FSGS Awareness Day" is designated to raise
39 awareness of FSGS, provide support and inspiration to patients
40 and families struggling with the disease, and promote efforts
41 necessary for better diagnosis and access to future treatments
42 that can transform the course of the disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 Florida:

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47 That June 9, 2026, is recognized as "FSGS Awareness Day" in
48 Florida.