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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 14, 2013, as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 14, 2013, as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Kidney Day on that day and the observance of March 2013 as National Kidney Disease Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a major health problem affecting 1.2 million New Yorkers and more than 20 million nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of kidney failure, or end stage renal disease (ESRD), is rising fast, with more than 546,000 Americans currently receiving treatment, including more than 400,000 dialysis patients and 165,000 people with functioning kidney transplants; and

WHEREAS, Tragically, more than 88,000 Americans die each year from causes related to kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes and hypertension are the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease and CKD strikes minorities disproportionately; and

WHEREAS, African Americans are affected at a rate of nearly three times that of Caucasians; the number of new cases of kidney failure per million is 783 for African Americans and 295 for whites; Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and the elderly are also at increased risk; and

WHEREAS, People afflicted with chronic kidney disease will develop other chronic and life-threatening conditions such as cardiovascular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Early intervention is the best method for managing the complications of chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, The National Kidney Foundation provides early intervention, community education and support programs for those suffering from chronic kidney disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 14, 2013, as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness 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.