HJR198 ENROLLED



- 1 HJR198
- 2 JPI8JNF-2
- 3 By Representative Datcher
- 4 RFD: Rules
- 5 First Read: 03-Apr-25

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1 Enrolled, An Act, 2 3 4 RECOGNIZING THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH APRIL AS APOL1-MEDIATED 5 KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY IN ALABAMA. 6 7 WHEREAS, in an effort to increase awareness, 8 promote research to improve treatment, and seek a cure, the 9 last Tuesday of each April is designated as APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease (AMKD) Awareness Day; and 10 11 WHEREAS, individuals in the State of Alabama 12 should become informed and aware of AMKD and all other types 1.3 of kidney disease; and individuals from or with ancestry 14 from Western and Central Africa should be encouraged to 15 consider genetic testing for APOL1 gene mutations; and 16 WHEREAS, genetic factors, such as variants in the 17 apolipoprotein L1 (APOL1) gene, can increase an individual's 18 risk for kidney disease; APOL1 genetic variants account for 19 much of the excess risk of chronic and end stage kidney disease for persons from or with Western and Central African 20

22 WHEREAS, APOL1 explains the disproportionate rate

ancestry; and

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of kidney disease in people of African ancestry; African
Americans make up 13 percent of the United States'

population, but account for 32 percent of all kidney failure
and 35 percent of all end stage kidney disease; in addition,

African Americans are four times more likely to develop

28 kidney failure than White Americans; and

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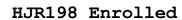
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29	WHEREAS, it is estimated that if a patient has
30	variants of both copies of the APOL1 gene, there is a one in
31	five chance they will go on to develop kidney disease, and
32	an estimated 13 percent of Black Americans have variants in
33	both copies of the APOL1 gene; and
34	WHEREAS, an individual with AMKD may not have any
35	symptoms of kidney disease until their kidneys are close to
36	failing; when symptoms emerge, they include fatigue,
37	swelling in the legs and feet, and weight gain, among
38	others; and
39	WHEREAS, APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease Awareness
40	Day provides opportunities for Alabamians to become informed
41	and increases public awareness and understanding of this
42	rare kidney disease; more awareness could lead to early
43	diagnosis and care for some of the most vulnerable
44	populations and empower and educate those at risk on how
45	they can manage their diagnosis, treatment, and disease; and
46	WHEREAS, individuals who are found to have APOL1
47	genetic variants can reduce their risk for kidney failure by
48	meeting with their doctor regularly, eating a healthy diet,
49	taking all medications as prescribed, exercising for at
50	least 30 minutes a day, and not smoking or using tobacco;
51	and
52	WHEREAS, there are currently no approved
53	treatments that address the underlying cause of
54	APOL1-mediated FSGS, but clinical trials could provide an
55	opportunity for researchers to develop and test safe
56	treatments for APOI.1-mediated kidney disease: now therefore



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57	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
58	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the last Tuesday of each
59	April is recognized as APOL1-Mediated Kidney Disease
60	Awareness Day, and we encourage the cooperation and
61	participation of all Alabama citizens in the research for
62	effective treatment and a cure.





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