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HR_____ DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 AS CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, more than one in seven individuals in the United States, totaling approximately 37 million Americans, are estimated to have chronic kidney disease (CKD), and approximately 90 percent of those individuals are unaware that they have CKD; and

WHEREAS, while the two most common causes of kidney disease are hypertension and heart disease, the third leading cause of kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often caused by rare, immune-mediated kidney diseases such as IgA nephropathy (IgAN) and Apolipoprotein L1 (APOL1) mediated kidney disease gene; and

WHEREAS, patients with glomerular diseases frequently advance to more costly and more debilitating later stages of kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease (ESRD), more quickly than patients with CKD in general, with estimates suggesting that rare kidney diseases make up 5-to-10 percent of CKD patients but account for approximately 25 percent of patients receiving treatment kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of patients with CKD stages 1-3 are undiagnosed, when diagnosed is often diagnosed in late stages of the disease when irreversible damage to the



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29 kidneys has already occurred; and

30 WHEREAS, it is imperative to improve diagnosis and
31 treatment of CKD through community-based programs that
32 address awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic
33 kidney disease; now therefore,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
35 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the members of this body
36 recognize March 2026 as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness
37 Month in Alabama in order to raise awareness of the need for
38 research, screening programs, and access to care for
39 individuals who suffer from chronic kidney disease.