

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Short Title: Designate Kidney Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Parfitt and Insko (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS KIDNEY
3 MONTH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, North Carolina ranks ninth in the nation for the percentage of persons that
5 require kidney replacement therapy for kidney failure; and

6 Whereas, North Carolina spends five billion dollars per year on kidney
7 disease-related health expenses; and

8 Whereas, one in nine North Carolinians is at risk for developing chronic kidney
9 disease (CKD); and

10 Whereas, an increasing number of North Carolinians are at risk for developing CKD
11 due to our aging population, our level of obesity, plus the complications of diabetes and
12 hypertension; and

13 Whereas, almost half of those who currently have CKD may have been able to
14 prevent contracting this disease had they known the risk factors; and

15 Whereas, early detection and treatment of CKD may prevent undue suffering, the
16 need for dialysis treatments, and kidney transplantation, and decrease the financial burden of
17 CKD on the State; and

18 Whereas, the month of March is recognized as National Kidney Month; and

19 Whereas, observing the month of March as Kidney Month in the State of North
20 Carolina would help to promote public awareness of CKD; Now, therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
23 section to read:

24 "**§ 103-12. Kidney Month.**

25 The month of March of each year is designated as Kidney Month in North Carolina."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

