

**Introduced by Senator Leno**

February 24, 2009

Senate Resolution No. 16—Relative to World Kidney Day.

1 WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of all Californians, more than  
2 four million persons, have some form of kidney damage; and

3 WHEREAS, Every year thousands of Californians die  
4 prematurely of cardiovascular diseases linked to Chronic Kidney  
5 Disease (CKD); and

6 WHEREAS, Developing progressive loss of kidney function  
7 leads to kidney failure and the need for dialysis or transplantation,  
8 and possibly death from associated cardiovascular disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals who appear to be healthy who are found  
10 to have CKD have their risk of dying prematurely from coronary  
11 disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease, or heart  
12 failure increased by tenfold regardless of whether they develop  
13 kidney failure or not; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 45,000 people in California are currently  
15 kept alive through dialysis or transplantation; and

16 WHEREAS, The number of people in California who are  
17 currently kept alive through dialysis or transplantation is expected  
18 to double within the next 10 years; and

19 WHEREAS, The total cost of dialysis treatment for patients in  
20 California costs more than \$2.9 billion each year; and

21 WHEREAS, CKD screening must become a priority for  
22 individuals considered to be at high risk for kidney disease; and

23 WHEREAS, Individuals considered to be at high risk for kidney  
24 disease include those with any of the following risk factors:  
25 diabetes, hypertension, obesity, smoking, being over 50 years of

1 age, or having a family history of diabetes, hypertension, or kidney  
2 disease; and

3 WHEREAS, World Kidney Day increases public awareness of  
4 the health crisis associated with CKD; and

5 WHEREAS, World Kidney Day calls attention to the crucial  
6 role of kidneys and the pressing need for early detection and  
7 prevention of kidney disease; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate*  
9 *recognizes March 12, 2009, as World Kidney Day; and be it further*

10 *Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the important role World*  
11 *Kidney Day plays in helping health care professionals, kidney*  
12 *patients and their families, and patient advocates in their efforts*  
13 *to stress the importance of early screening and detection of CKD;*  
14 *and be it further*

15 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*  
16 *this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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19 **CORRECTIONS:**

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