

House Resolution 1225

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2026 as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness Month in Georgia in order
2 to raise awareness of the need for research, screening programs, and access to care for
3 individuals who suffer from chronic kidney disease; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than one in seven individuals in the United States, totaling approximately
5 37 million Americans, are estimated to have chronic kidney disease (CKD), and
6 approximately 90 percent of those individuals are unaware that they have CKD; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, 90 percent of patients with CKD stages 1-3 are undiagnosed, when diagnosed
17 it is often diagnosed in late stages of the disease when irreversible damage to the kidneys has
18 already occurred; and

19 WHEREAS, it is imperative to improve diagnosis and treatment of CKD through
20 community-based programs that address awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic
21 kidney disease.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize March 2026 as Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness
24 Month in Georgia in order to raise awareness of the need for research, screening programs,
25 and access to care for individuals who suffer from chronic kidney disease.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public and the press.