

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Senators Mathews; Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing World Kidney Day on March 12, 2009.

WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of all Nevadans, which includes more than 320,000 people, have some form of kidney damage; and

WHEREAS, Every year, thousands of Nevadans die prematurely of cardiovascular diseases linked to chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, Progressive loss of kidney function leads to kidney failure and the need for dialysis or transplantation and possibly leads to death from associated cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, People who may appear healthy but are found to have chronic kidney disease have their risk of dying prematurely from coronary disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease or heart failure increase tenfold, regardless of whether they develop kidney failure or not; and

WHEREAS, More than 2,200 residents of Nevada are currently being kept alive by means of dialysis or transplantation; and

WHEREAS, The number of people in this State who are currently relying on dialysis or transplantation to stay alive is expected to double within the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, The total cost of dialysis treatment for patients in Nevada is more than \$140 million each year; and

WHEREAS, Chronic kidney disease screening must become a priority for residents of this State considered to be at high risk for kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, People considered to be at high risk for kidney disease include those who have been diagnosed with diabetes,



hypertension or obesity, smoke, are over 50 years of age or have a family history of diabetes, hypertension or kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, World Kidney Day increases public awareness of the worldwide health crisis associated with chronic kidney disease; and

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature recognize March 12, 2009, as World Kidney Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature acknowledge the important role World Kidney Day plays in helping health care professionals, patients and their families and patient advocates in their efforts to stress the importance of early screening and detection of chronic kidney disease; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Christopher Kelley, Chief Executive Officer of the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California and Northern Nevada.

