

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, healthy kidneys are essential to regulate the body; remove fluids, waste, toxins, and drugs introduced to the body; and release hormones that regulate blood pressure, make red blood cells, and promote strong bones; and

WHEREAS, diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, a family history of kidney disease, and being 60 years of age or older are all factors that increase the risk of developing kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, approximately 37 million Americans have chronic kidney disease, and 9 out of 10 people with chronic kidney disease do not know they have it; and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is a public health issue, and when left untreated, chronic kidney disease and kidney damage lead to end-stage kidney disease, requiring dialysis or transplantation to sustain life; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of education and patient self-empowerment with regard to chronic kidney disease, the quality and availability of such information and services can be improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

Kidney Disease Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 20th day of February, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

