

INSERT THE FOLLOWING:

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS  
MILLS, LORIGO, LOUGHRAN, DIXON, RATH, HARDWICK,  
MORTON, BURKE, GRANT, MILLER-WILLIAMS & SAVAGE**

**Re: Declaring March as “Kidney Disease Awareness Month” in Erie County**

WHEREAS, when kidney disease develops, kidneys lose their ability to filter waste from the bloodstream, and maintain fluid and chemical balance in the body; and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease can progress quickly or take many years to develop; and

WHEREAS, kidney disease is a condition that affects one in every 10 adults in the United States (more than 26 million Americans have kidney disease), and kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, with over 95,000 people waiting for kidney transplants; and

WHEREAS, many of those affected by kidney disease are children, who may suffer from congenital, hereditary, systemic, idiopathic, and auto-immune forms of the disease or may suffer damage to their kidneys as a result of infection or trauma; and

WHEREAS, because there are few warning signs of the condition, most people are not aware that they have kidney disease until it reaches the later stages, which can include kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, risk factors for chronic kidney disease include those persons with diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, and a family history of the disease; and

WHEREAS, those 18 years or older, who have risk factors of chronic kidney disease should be screened for the disease by having their blood tested for creatinine, a waste product: if their kidney function is abnormal, the creatinine level will be elevated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie wishes to designate the month of March as “Kidney Disease Awareness Month” in Erie County to raise awareness of chronic kidney disease and its risk factors, and to encourage those who are able to consider registering as an organ donor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby declares that beginning in 2016, and continuing every year thereafter, the month of March shall be designated as “Kidney Disease Awareness Month” in Erie County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Health, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS RATH, MORTON

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