

CHAPTER 17**(HCR 15)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION designating March as Kidney Cancer Awareness Month in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that there will be about 57,760 new cases of kidney cancer in the United States this year, and that about 12,980 people will die from this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 kidney cancer survivors are currently living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a great deal remains unknown about this deadly ailment, including its exact cause; and

WHEREAS, kidney cancer has few symptoms and usually remains undiagnosed or misdiagnosed until its later stages or until it has spread to other areas of the body and becomes harder to treat; and

WHEREAS, early detection can help to offset the spread of kidney cancer; and

WHEREAS, kidney cancer is among the ten most common cancers in both men and women; and

WHEREAS, incidents of kidney cancer have increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, other than surgery, the most commonly used treatments for kidney cancer are immunotherapy, radiation and chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, breakthroughs in research over the last year have given renewed hope to patients who previously had few treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly does hereby designate March as Kidney Cancer Awareness Month and encourages citizens of the Commonwealth to lend their support to efforts to develop new and more effective treatments for controlling and curing kidney cancer.

➔Section 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest condolences to the family members and loved ones of victims of kidney cancer.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the National Kidney Cancer Association; 1234 Sherman Avenue, Suite 203; Evanston, Illinois 60202.

Signed by Governor March 18, 2010.