

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE BILL 455

Short Title: Designate Kidney Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Insko, Bryant, Current, Neumann (Primary Sponsors);
 Burriss-Floyd, Coates, Earle, Folwell, Harrison, Jones, Lucas, Mackey, Parmon,
 Pierce, Setzer, Wainwright, Womble, and Wray.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DESIGNATING KIDNEY MONTH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, North Carolina ranks ninth in the nation for the percentage of persons that
4 require kidney replacement therapy for kidney failure; and

5 Whereas, North Carolina spends five billion dollars per year on kidney
6 disease-related health expenses; and

7 Whereas, one in nine North Carolinians is at risk for developing chronic kidney
8 disease (CKD); and

9 Whereas, an increasing number of North Carolinians are at risk for developing CKD
10 due to our aging population, our level of obesity, plus the complications of diabetes and
11 hypertension; and

12 Whereas, almost half of those who currently have CKD may have been able to
13 prevent contracting this disease had they known the risk factors; and

14 Whereas, early detection and treatment of CKD may prevent undue suffering, the
15 need for dialysis treatments, and kidney transplantation, and decrease the financial burden of
16 CKD on the state; and

17 Whereas, the month of March is recognized as National Kidney Month; and

18 Whereas, observing the month of March as Kidney Month in the State of North
19 Carolina would help to promote public awareness of CKD; Now, therefore,
20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
22 section to read:

23 "**§ 103-12. Kidney Month.**

24 The month of March of each year is designated as Kidney Month in North Carolina."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

