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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

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WHEREAS, Chronic Kidney Disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the United States; an estimated 31 million people in the United States have chronic kidney disease; over 1.12 million people in the State of Illinois are living with the disease; early chronic kidney disease has no signs or symptoms and, without early detection, can progress to kidney failure; and

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WHEREAS, If a person has high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, or a family history of kidney failure, the risk of kidney disease is greater; in Illinois, 13% of all adults have diabetes, and 32% have high blood pressure; the prevalence of diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension is higher for African Americans, who develop kidney failure at a rate of nearly 4 to 1 compared to Caucasians, while Hispanics develop kidney failure at a rate of 2 to 1; almost half of the people waiting for a kidney in Illinois identify as African American, but, in 2017, less than 10% of them received a kidney; and

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WHEREAS, Although dialysis is a life-extending treatment, the best and most cost effective treatment for kidney failure is a kidney transplant; currently, the wait in Illinois for a

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1 deceased donor kidney is 5-7 years, and, everyday, 13 people  
2 die while waiting; and

3 WHEREAS, If chronic kidney disease is detected early and  
4 managed appropriately, the individual can receive treatment  
5 sooner to help protect the kidneys, the deterioration in kidney  
6 function can be slowed or even stopped, and the risk of  
7 associated cardiovascular complications and other  
8 complications can be reduced; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Kidney Disease Prevention and  
12 Education Task Force is created to work directly with  
13 educational institutions to create health education programs  
14 to increase awareness of and to examine chronic kidney disease,  
15 transplantations, living and deceased kidney donation, and the  
16 existing disparity in the rates of those afflicted between  
17 Caucasians and minorities; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force will also be expected to  
19 develop a sustainable plan to raise awareness about early  
20 detection, promote health equity, and reduce the burden of  
21 kidney disease throughout the State, which should include an  
22 ongoing campaign that would include health education workshops  
23 and seminars, relevant research, and preventative screenings,

1 and promote social media campaigns and TV and radio  
2 commercials; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That membership of the Task Force shall be as  
4 follows:

5 (1) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate  
6 President, who shall serve as Co-Chair;

7 (2) One member of the House of Representatives,  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as  
9 Co-Chair;

10 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,  
11 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;

12 (4) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate  
13 Minority Leader;

14 (5) One member representing the Department of Public  
15 Health, appointed by the Governor;

16 (6) One member representing the Department of  
17 Healthcare and Family Services, appointed by the Governor;

18 (7) One member representing a medical center in a  
19 county with a population of more 3 million residents,  
20 appointed by the Co-Chairs;

21 (8) One member of a statewide association representing  
22 physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its  
23 branches in Illinois;

24 (9) One member representing a not-for-profit organ  
25 procurement organization, appointed by the Co-Chairs;

1           (10) One member representing a national non-profit  
2           research kidney organization in the State of Illinois,  
3           appointed by the Co-Chairs; and

4           (11) The Secretary of State or his or her designee; and  
5           be it further

6           RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall serve  
7           without compensation; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Health shall  
9           provide administrative support to the Task Force; and be it  
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11          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report  
12          to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2020 and,  
13          upon the filing of its final report, is dissolved.