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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, March is recognized as National Kidney Month, an  
3 important opportunity to raise public awareness and  
4 understanding of rare kidney diseases, such as Apolipoprotein  
5 L1 (APOL1) mediated kidney disease; and

6 WHEREAS, APOL1 genetic variants account for much of the  
7 excess risk of chronic and end stage kidney disease for  
8 persons of African ancestry, including people who identify as  
9 African American, Afro Caribbean, and Latinx; and

10 WHEREAS, APOL1 explains the disproportionate rate of  
11 kidney disease in people of African ancestry; African  
12 Americans make up 13% of the U.S. population but account for  
13 32% of all kidney failure and 35% of all end stage kidney  
14 disease; in addition, African Americans are four times more  
15 likely to develop kidney failure than white Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, APOL1 mediated kidney disease is driven by  
17 genetic factors and is underdiagnosed; and

18 WHEREAS, APOL1 symptoms do not present until kidney damage  
19 is advanced; symptoms include fatigue, swelling in the legs  
20 and feet, and weight gain, among others; and

1           WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness and understanding of  
2 the genetic causes of rare kidney disease could lead to early  
3 diagnosis and care for some of the most vulnerable populations  
4 and empower and educate those at risk on how they can manage  
5 it; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we declare the month of March 2022 as Rare Kidney Disease  
9 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois.