

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

By Senator McGinn

A RESOLUTION proclaiming March 3, 2011, as World Kidney Day and March as Kidney Awareness Month in Kansas.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes that healthy citizens are essential for strong communities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, High blood pressure and diabetes are the main causes of chronic kidney disease, which is a major public health problem, with increasing prevalence, poor outcomes, long waits for kidney transplants and high costs; and

WHEREAS, More than 1 in 8 American adults have chronic kidney disease and over 2,500 Kansans receive life sustaining dialysis treatment; and

WHEREAS, Controlling high blood pressure and diabetes can delay or prevent chronic kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, As the costs of health care continue to grow, early and accurate identification of kidney disease is a critical component of efforts to reduce the negative clinical and economic impact on individuals and on the State of Kansas: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we hereby encourage Kansans to monitor and treat high blood pressure and diabetes to the best of their abilities and proclaim March 3, 2011, as World Kidney Day and March as Kidney Awareness Month in Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator McGinn.