

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191

BY SENATOR OWEN

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Thursday, May 28, 2026, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Thursday, May 28, 2026, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, more than one in seven American adults are estimated to have chronic  
4 kidney disease (CKD), yet as many as nine in ten American adults with CKD do not know  
5 they have it; and

6 WHEREAS, at least 15 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have been diagnosed with  
7 chronic kidney disease; and

8 WHEREAS, the two most common causes of kidney disease are hypertension and  
9 heart disease, while the third leading cause of kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often  
10 caused by rare, immune-mediated kidney diseases such as IgA nephropathy (IgAN); and

11 WHEREAS, patients with glomerular diseases frequently advance to more costly and  
12 debilitating later stages of kidney disease, including end-stage renal disease (ESRD), more  
13 quickly than patients with CKD in general, with estimates suggesting that rare kidney  
14 diseases make up 5 to 10 percent of CKD patients but account for approximately 25 percent  
15 of patients receiving treatment for kidney failure; and

16 WHEREAS, patients often face delays in being diagnosed with IgAN and other  
17 immune-mediated kidney diseases, owing to the difficulty of the rare disease diagnostic  
18 odyssey, the limited number of nephrology providers, and lack of awareness about the

1 causes of kidney disease; and

2 WHEREAS, kidney disease, including IgAN, presents a significant burden not only  
3 on the health and lives of patients and their families, but also incurs great challenges for the  
4 healthcare system and healthcare costs, with estimates suggesting that patients with  
5 IgAN-attributed ESRD have health costs exceeding \$63,000 a year; and

6 WHEREAS, while the federal Medicare program covers the costs of dialysis for  
7 many patients with ESRD, 45 percent of ESRD patients are dually eligible, for Medicare and  
8 Medicaid, and ESRD is a significant source of disability, with ESRD patients employed at  
9 only one-fifth the rate of the general population; and

10 WHEREAS, kidney disease patients are entering a new era of hope, including for  
11 rare diseases, with multiple therapies now approved by the Food and Drug Administration  
12 to slow the progression of CKD and multiple drugs approved to slow the progression of  
13 IgAN specifically; and

14 WHEREAS, there is growing recognition that early identification of kidney disease  
15 and rare kidney diseases, including through broader screening of patients with low-cost  
16 serum creatine blood tests and urine albuminuria creatine ratio tests, can slow the  
17 progression of kidney disease and prevent or delay ESRD, including in patients with  
18 immune-mediated kidney diseases; and

19 WHEREAS, IgAN Awareness Day is designated to increase awareness among  
20 patients, providers, and policymakers of kidney disease and glomerular diseases, and IgAN  
21 in particular; to support efforts to improve policies that may increase access to screening,  
22 diagnosis, and treatment for kidney disease; and to provide hope and inspiration to patients,  
23 caregivers, and advocates working tirelessly to advance awareness and better care for kidney  
24 disease.

25 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby designate Thursday, May 28, 2026, as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day in  
27 Louisiana.

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