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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN

HEALTH/DISEASE CONTROL: Creates the Louisiana Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To create a task force to study and make recommendations for increasing awareness of
3	chronic kidney disease, to request the task force to work with policymakers, public
4	health entities, and educational institutions to create educational health programs to
5	promote awareness, and to submit a written report of its findings and
6	recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than thirty days prior to
7	the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.
8	WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),
9	when a person develops chronic kidney disease, his kidneys become damaged and over time
10	the kidneys may not clean the blood as well as healthy kidneys; and
11	WHEREAS, according to the CDC, kidneys that do not work well can lead to toxic
12	waste and extra fluid accumulating in the body and may lead to high blood pressure, heart
13	disease, stroke, and early disease; and
14	WHEREAS, according to the CDC, an estimated fifteen percent of adults in the
15	United States, which is equivalent to about thirty-seven million people, have chronic kidney
16	disease; and
17	WHEREAS, according to the CDC, approximately ninety percent of adults with
18	chronic kidney disease do not know they have the disease and approximately forty percent
19	of adults with severe chronic kidney disease do not know they have the disease; and

1	WHEREAS, by providing educational health programs on chronic kidney disease		
2	people with or at risk for this disease can acquire the necessary information to comba		
3	chronic kidney disease; and		
4	WHEREAS, by increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease through	ı promoting	
5	kidney health and promoting early diagnosis and treatment and preventing and controlling		
6	risk factors for chronic kidney disease, people with or at risk for chronic kidney	disease can	
7	take the necessary steps to protect their kidneys.		
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana	loes hereby	
9	establish the Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force to study	and make	
10	recommendations for increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease, to work with		
11	policymakers, public health entities, and educational institutions to create educational health		
12	programs to promote awareness.		
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force	shall be as	
14	follows:		
15	(1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his desi	gnee.	
16	(2) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Science	e Center at	
17	New Orleans or his designee.		
18	(3) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Science	e Center at	
19	Shreveport or his designee.		
20	(4) One representative from the National Kidney Foundation of Lor	uisiana.	
21	(5) One representative from the Louisiana State Medical Society.		
22	(6) One representative from the Louisiana Public Health Institute.		
23	(7) One representative appointed by the American Kidney Fund.		
24	(8) One representative from the Tulane University School of Medic	ine.	
25	(9) One representative from the Louisiana Primary Care Association	n.	
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Heal	th shall	
27	provide staff support as needed by the task force.		
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting, the members	of the task	
29	force shall elect a chairperson, who shall preside over the task force.		

1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall serve without
2	compensation.
3	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene its first meeting by
4	September 1, 2021, and shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary for the timely
5	performance of its duties.
6	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report or
7	its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than thirty days
8	prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall study and make
10	recommendations to matters that include but are not limited to the following:
11	(1) The examination of existing disparities, if any, on how chronic kidney
12	disease, transplantation, and kidney donation affect and impact non-
13	minorities versus minorities and how to reduce or eliminate those disparities
14	(2) The development of a sustainable plan to increase awareness about early
15	detection, promote health equity and transplantation, and reduce the burder
16	of kidney diseases throughout the state of Louisiana.
17	(3) The development of a sustainable plan to conduct health education
18	workshops and seminars in order to promote awareness about chronic kidney
19	disease.
20	(4) The development of a sustainable plan to increase preventive screening of
21	chronic kidney disease in order to help bring awareness to the disease and to
22	screen, find, and treat people who may have the disease.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24	secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the chancellor of the Louisiana State
25	University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of the Louisiana State
26	University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the chief executive officer of the National
27	Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the
28	chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the president and chief
29	executive officer of the American Kidney Fund, the dean of the Tulane University School
30	of Medicine, and the president of the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

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