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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are 230,000 diagnosed kidney disease
3 patients in Illinois and approximately 26 million kidney
4 disease patients nationwide; 96% of them do not know they have
5 kidney disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Five of every six patients on the organ transplant
7 waiting list are seeking a kidney transplant, which translates
8 to 83%; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year, approximately 150 Illinoisans will die
10 waiting for a kidney transplant and approximately 4,500
11 nationwide will die while waiting; approximately 170
12 Illinoisans are removed from the organ transplant waiting list
13 every year due to advanced illness caused by the
14 life-threatening wait for a kidney; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 700 Illinoisans will receive a
16 kidney transplant in a year and more than 1,200 new names are
17 added to the list each year; and

18 WHEREAS, Living kidney donation can end this
19 life-threatening wait and help more patients receive a
20 transplant; the majority of those who donate are pleased with
21 their decision and go on to live full, healthy, and vibrant

1 lives; and

2 WHEREAS, Living kidney donation is currently the best and
3 most cost-effective treatment for end stage renal failure; a
4 kidney donation by a living donor as opposed to a deceased
5 donor lasts significantly longer, vastly improving the
6 patient's quality of life; and

7 WHEREAS, Living kidney donors have successfully improved
8 outcomes for more than 150,000 kidney transplant recipients;
9 more than 6,800 of whom received transplants in Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the National Kidney
11 Foundation of Illinois are committed to increasing awareness by
12 recognizing living kidney donors who give kidney disease
13 patients hope for a better tomorrow; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
16 citizens of Illinois who have selflessly donated a kidney and
17 saved a life as a living kidney donor; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we recognize the commitment of the National
19 Kidney Foundation of Illinois and their support of our kidney
20 disease patients' hope for a better and longer life; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That we declare June 25, 2018 as "Living Kidney
2 Donors Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.